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Cruise liner sinks in collision with cargo ship

ATHENS, Oct 21, (Reuters): At least two people died and 72 were injured when an Italian cargo ship and a Greek cruise liner collided outside the port of Piraeus, near Athens, police said.

The 7,000-tonne cruise liner Jupiter, carrying 475 British students and 120 crew, sank after the collision and at least 60 people jumped into the sea.

"We heard a great noise and the ship immediately started to sink. We had no time to reach the rescue boats...the passengers were young kids who were crying hysterically," a crew member told Reuters.

Jumped
At least 60 passengers had jumped into the sea from the liner, he said.

A spokesman for Epirotiki Lines, which owns the Jupiter, said the liner's passengers were mostly school children.

Rescue teams rushed to the area and all Athens hospitals were being put on alert to treat the injured.

"My God, they are all small kids. It is an incredible tragedy whose dimensions we do not know yet," a doctor treating the injured told Reuters.

The shipping company spokesman said the rescue teams had trouble finding passengers in the sea because of darkness.

He said the Italian ship crashed into the liner's left side some 1-1/2 miles off Piraeus, as it was coming out of port.

Athens Radio reported that the students were having dinner in the Jupiter's dining room when the ships collided.

Gulf talks

UNITED NATIONS, Oct 21, (Reuters): The foreign ministers of Iran and Iraq will resume peace talks in Geneva on Oct 31, UN sources said today.

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WEATHER

FAIR weather with light north easterly wind.
State of sea: slight
High water: 9:00 am, 10:00 pm
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Sunrise: 5:53 am
Sunset: 5:11 pm
Maximum temperature recorded:
Kuwait: 33°C 91°F
Ahmad: 30°C 86°F
Faisal: 30°C 86°F
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Kuwait: 33°C 91°F
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Maximum humidity expected:
Kuwait: 40 per cent
Ahmad: 50 per cent
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Simultaneous attacks on Sidon and Mashgara

Israeli warplanes hit targets in Lebanon

SIDON, Oct 21, (Agencies): Waves of Israeli warplanes roared into Lebanon today, blasting Palestinian and pro-Iranian bases in apparent revenge for a suicide car bombing that killed seven Israeli soldiers two days ago.

Police said 15 people perished and 35 were wounded in seven bombing runs staged by 12 Israeli fighter-bombers and two helicopter gunships in south and southeast Lebanon.

The main targets of the 30-minute air strike were training bases and ammunition dumps of the Iranian-backed Hezbollah and the PLO near the port city of Sidon and the Bekaa Valley town of Mashgara.

Sidon, provincial capital of South Lebanon, is 25 miles (40 kilometres) from Beirut. Mashgara, which faces the forward-most lines of the Syrian Army in the Bekaa, is 16 miles (26 kilometres) east of Sidon.

Ammunition

The fundamentalist Shi'ite Muslim Hezbollah, claimed responsibility for Wednesday's car bombing, which also wounded eight Israeli soldiers and two Lebanese women.

A police spokesman said the air raid killed eight people and wounded 15 in the Sidon region. Seven others were killed and 20 wounded in Mashgara.

The raiding jets scored direct hits on an ammunition depot belonging to Hezbollah near the Palestinian refugee camp of Mieh Mieh on the outskirts of Sidon, setting it ablaze, the spokesman said.

Sheikh Mohammed Hussein Fadlallah, Hezbollah's spiritual guide, said today's air raid tar-

geted a Hezbollah clinic in Mashgara.

"Our mujahedeen strike at soldiers and they strike at civilians... our arm is longer than Israel's," Fadlallah said in a Friday sermon at a mosque crowded with Shi'ite worshippers in South Beirut.

The spokesman confirmed that two of the rockets slammed into Hezbollah's "health centre," a clinic attached to the party's main base in Mashgara where two Lebanese physicians and three nurses were injured.

"Most of the wounded in Mashgara were civilians at the clinic," the spokesman said.

The police spokesman said two formations made up of six fighter-bombers each carried out the simultaneous attacks in Sidon and Mashgara at 10:30 am (0800 GMT).

Rockets

Two helicopter gunships later joined in attacking Mashgara, a Hezbollah stronghold, about 200 metres (yards) west of the Syrians' positions in the Bekaa.

The warplanes, according to the police spokesman, fired 18 rockets into two bases used by Hezbollah in Mashgara as the gunships strafed the town and its surroundings.

He said Syrian troops were not involved in the confrontation.

The spokesman said two training bases run by PLO chairman Yasser Arafat's mainstream Fatah faction in Mieh Mieh and the nearby camp of Ein El-Hilweh were also hit.

Commandos fired anti-aircraft guns and shoulder-launched surface-to-air SAM-7 missiles at the Israeli planes, which bombed both areas for more than an hour, witnesses said.

Clutching their children and a few belongings, terrified refugees ran out of Mieh Mieh minutes after the air strikes while rescue teams struggled to drag bodies from the rubble.

Rescue work was delayed by explosions from two ammunition dumps — one belonging to Fatah and the other to the Tawheed group.

Mu'in Shabatayeh, a Fatah official, told reporters in Mieh Mieh that the Israeli air raid was aimed at residential and military areas and would be met by increased attacks on Israel.

Hezbollah put its forces on alert after the car bomb attack and threatened yesterday to harm two Israeli soldiers captured in 1986 in event of the much-expected Israeli retaliation.

Fawzieh Mattar, 37, said she saw the first rocket slamming into the depot when the air raid — Israel's 16th in Lebanon this year — started.

"The rocket shot straight through the gate. It caused a huge explosion accompanied by a big ball of fire and several explosions followed," said Mattar, a Palestinian who lives at Mieh Mieh with her parents.

Retaliation

Mattar said several refugees had evacuated the camp after Wednesday's car bombing in anticipation of Israel's retaliation.

"We didn't leave. We don't have any other place to go to," Mattar said.

Hiam Saleh, 18, also said her father had refused to evacuate his family of seven.

"We stayed in an air raid shelter in the camp, but occasionally

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Residents of the city of Sidon watch black smoke rise over a Palestinian refugee camp during the Israeli raid. (Reuters wire-photo)

Kuwait Navy detonates mine in Gulf

MANAMA, Bahrain, Oct 21, (Agencies): Kuwaiti naval experts have detonated a mine found floating in the northern Gulf, the official news agency KUNA, said today. It was at least the fifth mine reported found in the area in the last two months.

The news agency, quoting a Defence Ministry source, said the mine was discovered by a Kuwaiti naval patrol boat and was "detonated at the time." It did not say when the incident occurred, or what type of mine it was.

Cause

US officials say there are perhaps as many as 20 mines still in the Gulf, most of them in the northern waters where both Iran and Iraq sowed the contact-type explosives to protect or block access to local ports.

They say the menace of floating mines is increasing because of winter storms that will cause them to break loose from their underwater moorings and drift southward with prevailing currents.

The United States, five European navies and the Soviet Union all have minesweepers in the Gulf, but some of the European ships are being pulled out in the aftermath of the ceasefire.

Gen. George B. Crist, the senior commander of US military forces in the region, said in a recent interview that "discussions" on the mine problem were under way at the United Nations and in Washington, but the "big question" remained who would eventually take on the task of mine-clearing in the Gulf.

He said that while the central and southern waters were generally clear of mines, some lying on the bottom still posed a threat to shipping.

Britain's three warships in the Gulf, which are known as the Armilla Patrol, are to stop shadowing British vessels and patrol a wider area because of the reduced tension, Defence Secretary George Younger said in London.

Younger, speaking during a defence debate in the House of

Commons, said the size of the patrol would not be reduced.

"The reduced tension in the region means that the conditions are right for the Armilla Patrol to move away from closely accompanying British merchant shipping to patrolling the areas of the Gulf most used by British shipping," said Younger.

Iran has withdrawn the armed speedboats it had used to attack merchant ships in the southern Gulf from Abu Musa island, diplomatic sources reported yesterday.

The diplomatic sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said 20-25 speedboats manned by Iranian Revolutionary Guards had been pulled out of the island that straddles the southern part of the Gulf.

"Not a single speedboat is now in the vicinity of Abu Musa," one source said.

The withdrawal from Abu Musa came amid a dramatic escalation in Iranian interception of merchant ships suspected of carrying war-related materials bound for Iraq.

House passes new sanction bill against Iraq

WASHINGTON, Oct 21, (Reuters): The House of Representatives yesterday approved a bill imposing economic sanctions on Iraq for its alleged use of poison gas against Kurdish dissidents.

The House and Senate have already voted several times for various sanctions bills although they have not yet passed a final measure that can be sent to the President. Similar legislation is contained in a pending tax bill.

The latest bill, which now goes to the Senate, bars government and commercial US arms sales to Iraq as well as the sale of sensitive high-technology items and chemicals used in chemical weapons. It also calls for a review of all US exports to Iraq valued at over \$50 million.

Iraq repeats offer to swap prisoners with Iran

NICOSIA, Oct 21, (Reuters): Iraq repeated yesterday its offer, already rejected by Tehran, to start a full-scale exchange of prisoners of war with Iran.

"Iraq agreed to start the process of exchanging prisoners of war because it is one of the human issues which should have priority provided that Iran virtually does the same," the Iraqi news agency INA quoted a Foreign Ministry spokesman as saying.

Iran earlier described the proposal as an obstructive propaganda ploy designed to delay an overall peace settlement after the eight-year Gulf war.

The Iraqi Foreign Ministry spokesman said Baghdad accepted a memorandum from the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) urging the two countries "to put an end to the suffering of POWs by returning all of them to their countries."

Plan

He said the ICRC had proposed a draft plan starting with a comprehensive registration process. "The committee emphasised that wounded and sick POWs should be urgently exchanged," he said.

"Iraq explained that its agreement to that procedure is not related to other issues included in UN Security Council (ceasefire) Resolution 598 and does not affect its implementation according to the sequence of its items."

The ICRC estimates there may be up to 70,000 Iraqi prisoners in Iranian camps. Baghdad says it holds up to 35,000 Iranians.

Iraq initially made its offer in a note to the ICRC on Monday, saying the exchange was a humanitarian matter not tied to other provisions of Resolution 598.

But Iran's military supremo,

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Kidnappers vow to punish US hostages

BEIRUT, Oct 21, (AP): Shi'ite Muslim kidnappers holding at least two American hostages today threatened to punish them in retaliation for Israel's air attacks on Palestinian and pro-Iranian bases in Lebanon.

The threat came in a typewritten statement in Arabic signed by the Islamic Jihad, the faction holding American journalist Terry Anderson and educator Thomas Sutherland.

One of the two identical statements delivered by Islamic Jihad, went to a Western news agency with an instant colour photograph of Anderson.

The same statement without a photograph was delivered to Beirut's independent An Nahar newspaper.

Today's statement paid tribute to the Shi'ite Muslim suicide bomber who killed seven Israeli soldiers in Israel's self-designated "security zone" in South Lebanon on Wednesday and denounced Israel's retaliatory air strikes against commando bases.

Interview ignites row in Israel

Peres' peace plans a step forward, says King Hussein

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Oct 21, (Agencies): King Hussein of Jordan has called Foreign Minister Shimon Peres' peace plans a "step forward" and said Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's policies would be an "absolute disaster."

In an interview last night with ABC-TV "Nightline," Hussein said he was willing to join a Palestinian-Jordanian delegation at an international peace conference if the Palestinians requested.

Hussein's comments, coming 12 days before the Israeli parliamentary elections, were immediately denounced by Shamir's right-wing Likud Party as meddling in Israeli politics.

Likud Party spokesmen said bringing Hussein into the campaign was harmful and dangerous, but Labour said the king had acted on his own. Polls have shown Shamir's right-wing Likud Party and Peres' centre-left Labour Party running neck and neck.

Contacted

"Nightline" host Ted Koppel said Peres' aides had contacted the show's producers saying the Israeli foreign minister would like to outline his peace proposals and suggested contacting Hussein for possible comment.

"I have found the suggestions, the proposals made by the Israeli foreign minister to be an interesting step forward, a lot more clear than previous positions," Hussein said of statements by Peres this week reaffirming his commitment to an international peace conference and Jordanian participation.

Asked what would happen if Shamir won the election, "I can't tell what his policies would be, but if they are what he has consistently suggested they would be, then absolute disaster."

Likud has rejected giving up any of the West Bank or Gaza Strip and has proposed limited self-government for the inhabitants.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Alon Liel said Hussein's statement put the Jordanian leader "back in the picture" after his July announcement that he

was severing ties with the West Bank and that only the PLO could represent the Palestinian people.

"We are prepared, if the Palestinians seek it and ask categorically, to go to an international conference in a joint delegation, in other words a Palestinian and Jordanian delegation that represents the people of Palestine," Hussein said.

Hussein added that Jordan would have high-level contacts with the PLO in the next few days to discuss Peres' ideas.

Mubarak

In a separate interview, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said he was working hard to bring King Hussein and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat together.

Mubarak told the mass-circulation newspaper Yedioth Ahronoth: "Hussein is the cornerstone of the peace process. We are constantly encouraging co-operation between Hussein and the Palestinians."

Egypt too has signalled its support for Peres.

Moscow has almost reached agreement with Washington on an international peace conference for the Middle East, a top Soviet official was quoted today as saying, in Abu Dhabi.

But Deputy Foreign Minister Vladimir Petrovsky told the Abu Dhabi daily Al Ittihad that the Soviet Union would not open relations with Israel until after the peace conference began.



King Hussein

PNC session set for Nov 12

TUNIS, Oct 21, (Agencies): Palestinian leaders have called a session of their parliament-in-exile for Nov 12-14 in Algiers to declare an independent Palestinian state and endorse their ideas on a Middle East peace settlement.

Two Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) spokesmen told Reuters yesterday that the leaders set the dates at a meeting in Tunis on Wednesday night.

The decision put an end to more than two months of speculation over when the parliament, known as the Palestine National Council (PNC), would hold the session.

Declare

The meeting is billed by the PLO as a landmark for its hopes of building on the 10-month-old uprising in the Israeli-occupied territories.

The PLO will ask the 453-member assembly to declare the Palestinian state on the basis of United Nations General Assem-

bly Resolution 181 passed in 1947, before the birth of the state of Israel.

The UN resolution proposed the division of the British mandate of Palestine into a Jewish and Arab states.

The PNC, the supreme authority in the Palestinian movement, will also look at a political statement drafted by the PLO and designed to bring the movement closer to its objective of Israeli withdrawal and real independence for the Palestinians.

The Palestine National Council, will declare a new, moderate political programme to enhance the chance of peace, a senior official said in Baghdad.

Bassam Abu Sharif, the PLO's chief spokesman, said in an interview: "The political declaration will pave the way for a major political move in the region and will bring about very significant ideas on how to establish genuine and just peace in the Middle East."

Ex-pilot believes human error caused Indian plane disaster

AHMEDABAD, Oct 21, (Agencies): A former pilot who survived India's worst domestic air disaster in which 130 people were killed said he believed human error was the cause.

Investigators probing Wednesday's crash of an Indian Airlines Boeing 737, in which only five people survived, said human error was only one of the possible causes.

They said a "mechanical problem or sabotage — which the investigators considered the least likely — could have caused the plane to rip through trees and plough through a rice paddy before exploding in flames near this western city."

"Human error and mechanical failure will be the main thrust of the investigation," said one.

But Vinod Tripathi, who flew transport planes for the Indian Air Force 20 years ago, told Reuters he did not believe there was anything wrong with the plane when it crashed.

"I believe it was an error of judgement on the part of the pilot that led to the disaster," he said from his hospital bed where he lay swathed in bandages.

Tripathi said an air hostess announced the plane would be landing at Ahmedabad after an uneventful hour-long flight from Bombay. Then it started circling the airport and entered thick fog.

"Suddenly the aircraft started descending and the sink rate was rather faster," he said.

"Suddenly it hit something and I heard a blast. Within seconds the plane broke up and I found myself upside down with burning things falling on me," Tripathi said.

Two US aviation experts arrived yesterday to help investigators determine the cause of the crash.

Earlier today, three separate official investigations were opened into the cause of the mishap, the worst suffered by the government-owned airline since it began operating in 1957.

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40,000 march in support of Serbian leader

BELGRADE, Oct. 21, (AP) — An estimated 40,000 Serbs demonstrated in the predominantly Albanian province of Kosovo in support of a Serbian leader given a no-confidence vote by the Communist Party a day earlier, reports from the region said.

Protesters in Kosovo Polje, near the Kosovo capital of Pristina, yesterday shouted their disapproval of Wednesday's vote by the party's central committee against Dusan Ckrebic, a close ally of Serbian party leader Slobodan Milosevic.

Ckrebic offered his resignation from the ruling Yugoslav party Presidium but it has not been accepted. The no-confidence vote does not require a resignation because it is not binding, but it does signal the leadership's displeasure.

Persecution
The vote was viewed as a blow to Milosevic and his campaign for Serbia to exert more control over Kosovo and Vojvodina, two autonomous provinces in Serbian territory. Minority Serbs and Montenegrins in Kosovo have been protesting persecution by the ethnic Albanian majority.

About 40,000 people gathered near a school and, later, at a railroad station to express their support of Ckrebic in a non-violent demonstration that lasted about six hours. There were no reports of arrests.

"We shall not give up Ckrebic," the demonstrators shouted at one point.

Marko Orlandic, a member of the Yugoslav Communist Party Presidium, urged the demonstrators to exercise a "little more patience," to return to work and school and to let the central committee solve the problems in Kosovo, which is in southern Serbia along the Albanian border.

Boycott
At the same time, more than 10,000 Serbian secondary school and university students continued to boycott classes begun early this month to protest persecution by ethnic Albanians. The students originally planned

to end their boycott once the central committee resolves the persecution issue, a move that was expected by Wednesday. But the boycott continued when the committee session did not meet their expectations.

The central committee was expected to meet again in 10 days to again try to tackle the worst political and economic crisis to affect the multi-national Balkan nation of 23 million people since World War II.

The group may then carry out an expected purge of one-third of the party leadership and will discuss Ckrebic's offer to resign.

Meanwhile, legislators debated changes to the 1974 constitution which federal authorities have proposed as a way of extracting the country from its worst crisis since the communists took power at the end of World War II.

Proposal
The most sensitive constitutional proposal under discussion in Parliament was an amendment which would strengthen the ability of the federal authorities to make Yugoslavia's six republics and two autonomous provinces fund the armed forces.

Slovenia, the most politically liberal and economically advanced republic, opposes the change. Slovene politicians want to limit federal powers in their republic, and the Slovene press has questioned the military's role in Yugoslavia life.

French porn film

PARIS, Oct. 21, (Reuters) — A pornographic movie was shifted to late-night television viewing yesterday after the council of state, France's legal watchdog, threatened a one-million-franc (\$160,000) fine if it was shown at peak time.

Private television channel La Cinq had planned to screen "Joy and Joan" by French director Jacques Saurail at 8.30 last evening.

But a committee decided after seeing the film that its screening would "show disrespect for childhood and adolescence."

Democrat's national field director resigns

Dukakis compares Bush's campaign to Watergate

NEW YORK, Oct. 21, (AP) — Michael Dukakis compared George Bush's campaign to the Watergate scandal of former President Richard Nixon, saying "truth was the first casualty" in both instances. Meanwhile, Bush received new police endorsements.

Democratic Gov. Dukakis and Republican Vice-President Bush duelled from a distance on the campaign trail before sheathing their political swords and dining together at a charity dinner last night in New York City.

Also Thursday, Dukakis' national field director resigned after saying Bush should be

forthcoming about a rumour that he had been involved in the Watergate scandal.

The remarks by Donna Brazile to reporters also led Dukakis to apologise directly to Bush at the New York dinner.

Brazile had said that "I wasn't on the stock market yesterday, but I understood they got a little concerned that George was going to the White House with somebody other than Barbara (his wife)." The American people have every right to know if Barbara Bush will share that bed with him in the White House.

Wall Street analysts attributed an abrupt market decline on

Wednesday to a rumour that the Washington Post planned to publish a damaging story about Bush. The Post did not publish such a story.

Earlier, Dukakis, urged by supporters to get tough in the face of polls that show him trailing Bush in the presidential race leading up to the Nov 8 national election, campaigned in New Haven, Connecticut.

Learned

"Truth was the first casualty in the Nixon White House and it was the first casualty in the Bush campaign," Dukakis said yesterday on the campaign trail.

"Above all, the truth should matter a lot in a presidential campaign because as we learned in Watergate, it matters a lot in the Oval office."

He was referring to the Watergate scandal, which began with a break-in at the Democratic national headquarters during the 1972 presidential campaign and crumbled the Republican administration of President Nixon.

"I believe the American people value the truth in politics and I'm going to do everything I can to make sure truth wins and that we win on the eighth of November," the Democratic nominee said.

Bush, campaigning in a state

once considered a stronghold for Dukakis, travelled to New York City to receive police endorsements and to campaign in a Democratic neighbourhood. He spoke near the spot where police officer Edward Byrne was shot last February while guarding a witness in a drug case.

"It's time for America to take back the streets," Bush said in receiving the endorsements of about 30 police organisations. He and Dukakis have made much of endorsements from law-enforcement organisations during a campaign in which Bush has sought to portray Dukakis as soft on crime.

Sakharov to visit US in November

MOSCOW, Oct. 21, (Reuters) — Physicist and human rights campaigner Andrei Sakharov said today that Soviet authorities had lifted a long-standing ban on him travelling abroad and he will go to the United States next month.

"I shall take part in the forthcoming trip," Sakharov told a news conference, referring to a Washington conference organised by the International Foundation for the Survival and Development of Humanity. He is a member of the board of the non-government group.

His announcement followed his election late yesterday to the ruling Presidium of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, a mark of official recognition of his professional eminence.

Sakharov, 67, "father" of the Soviet H-bomb, had been banned from leaving the country because of his knowledge of top secret material when he worked for the Soviet nuclear programme.

"The decision is that I have the right to leave the Soviet Union," he said, adding that the move reflected the changes in the Soviet Union under Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

"I consider the great changes which have taken place in our country in recent years made this decision possible. Of course, the personal effort of individuals

also played a great part — and in particular the efforts by leaders of our country."

Since his release, Sakharov, 67, has kept up his criticism of the Soviet human rights records while at the same time expressing support for Gorbachev's Perestroika campaign for political, social and economic reform.

On his exile the Nobel peace prize laureate was stripped of several honours including the Order of Lenin. But he remained a member of the academy, to which he was elected at the age of 32, the youngest person ever to join.

Other new members elected to the 47-strong presidium included Leonid Abalkin, a leading reformist economist and head of the academy's institute of economics.

Changes

One of the most outspoken critics of outdated methods in Soviet economic management, Abalkin has called for radical changes in the planning system to allow for greater flexibility and individual initiative.

His appointment was offset to some degree by that of political scientist Georgy Arbatov, a self-professed supporter of Perestroika who is however associated with the "era of stagnation" under Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev.

Mitterrand to visit Egypt

CAIRO, Oct. 21, (Reuters) — President Francois Mitterrand of France will pay a flying visit to Egypt next Tuesday for Middle East talks with President Hosni Mubarak, a close friend, a French embassy spokesman said today.

Mitterrand's five-hour trip to the Suez Canal city of Ismailia, where he and Mubarak will hold about three hours of informal private talks, will rank as his first official overseas visit of his second term of office, the spokesman said.

"It all started with a telephone call on May 10th 2000 hours," he told Reuters. "Mubarak was the first foreign leader to congratulate Mitterrand on his re-election. Mitterrand promised to make his first visit abroad to Egypt."

The French President has since addressed the United Nations in New York and paid an unofficial visit to Washington.

Schedule

He will fly straight from Paris in his Falcon-900 executive jet and return the same night, a day out of a crowded schedule to underscore his esteem for Egypt and friendship with Mubarak, French officials said.

France and Egypt have both campaigned for an international Middle East peace conference under UN auspices and Mitterrand has proposed that a preparatory committee should be set up.

French officials said he was keen not to let momentum fade — as it has done in the months before the forthcoming US and Israeli elections.

Subjects on the agenda will include the conference proposal, Palestinian plans to declare an independent state, the crisis in Lebanon, the Gulf situation and French support for Mubarak's economic reforms.

Joan heads toward Central America

Hurricane resumes its deadly trek

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Oct. 21, (AP) — Hurricane Joan resumed its deadly trek toward Central America today after its heavy rains caused flooding and mudslides in Venezuela and Colombia that killed at least 26 people.

The storm, after remaining stationary yesterday, resumed its westward movement today packing winds of 176 kilometres per hour (110 miles per hour).

Joan's torrential rains unleashed mudslides on Wednesday and yesterday that swallowed wooden huts and killed at least 11 people in the poorest neighbourhoods of Caracas, Venezuela.

The storm killed 15 people in Colombia, injured 50, and left tens of thousands homeless when it swept the Guajira peninsula on Monday.

Strength

Joan was only at tropical storm strength when it hit the South America countries, but has since strengthened over water.

More than 37,000 people have fled coastal areas of Costa Rica and Nicaragua, where the government declared a state of emergency. The two countries were under a hurricane watch, while hurricane warnings were in effect for the Colombian islands of San Andres and neighbouring Albuquerque and Providencia.

"It's better to leave before we get killed," said Teresa Wilson, who fled the Nicaraguan coastal village of Bluff with her seven children.

At 1300 GMT today, Joan's centre was about 105 kilometres (65 miles) southeast of San Jose, and about 275 kilometres (170 miles) east-southeast of Bluefields, Nicaragua, said a statement from the US National Hurricane Centre.

The statement said rainfall of 25 centimetres (10 inches) or more accompanied the storm,

and that even greater amounts may hit Nicaragua, Panama and Costa Rica in the next few days.

Bob Sheets, hurricane centre director, said forecasters expected the hurricane to hit Nicaragua or Costa Rica today or tomorrow.

Nicaraguan officials questioned the readiness of its government agencies, relief organisations and coastal residents, some of whom live in wooden homes on stilts.

"We make a formal call upon the international community to respond in rapid fashion with its co-operation," Budget Minister Enrique Sotelo said.

Sotelo said if Joan continued straight for Nicaragua, "the economic consequences would be enormously severe and would force greater sacrifices upon the people."

About 7,000 people fled Nicaragua's remote Misquito coast and two small islands by boat, and schools were closed nationwide.

President Daniel Ortega enacted an emergency law banning communications media from reporting unauthorised news about Joan.

The opposition daily La Prensa called the decree "absurd and illegal" and said the law made it "illegally impossible to report on the hurricane."

Evacuated

In Costa Rica, the national emergency council said at least 30,000 people were evacuated from Puerto Limon, a town of 20,000 about 160 kilometres (100 miles) southeast of the capital of San Jose, and 14 other towns along the northeast coast.

About 350 people decided to stay in Puerto Limon and ride out the storm, said an official with the national assistance committee who asked not to be identified. People patrolled nearby streets to prevent looting.

Whale rescuers pin hopes on ice-breaker barge

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Oct. 21, (Reuters) — Scientists today pinned their hopes of rescue for three California grey whales trapped by thick Arctic ice on a helicopter dangle and a barge of concrete and on an ice-breaker barge.

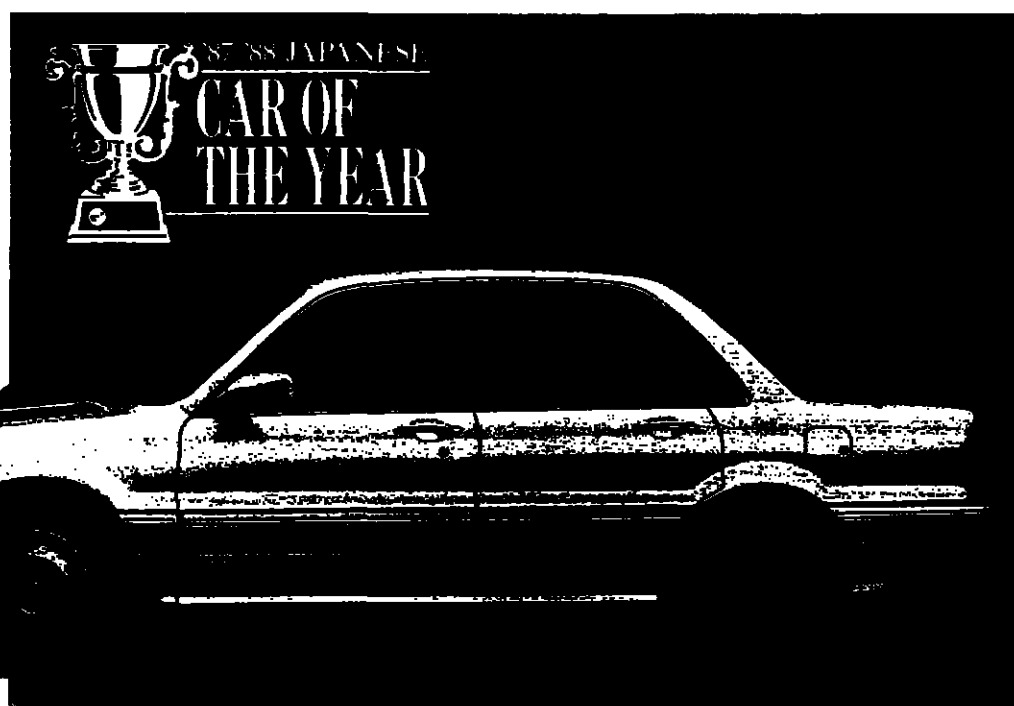
The whales, the largest weighing up to 16 tons and measuring nearly 40 feet (13 metres), have been trapped for about two weeks by two-foot-thick (65-centimetre) ice near the isolated Eskimo village of Barrow on Alaska's north slope.

Biologists said there was no immediate threat to the lives of the three whales — named by scientists Bonnet, Crossbeak and Bone — but cautioned they would eventually die if two holes in the ice, kept open round the clock by teams of rescuers, were allowed to freeze over.

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Ex-pilot believes human error caused ...

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Officials said one probe was being supervised by the police department of Ahmedabad, while another was being conducted by the airline.

The Ministry of Civil Aviation opened the third inquiry, to which the Americans were to lend their expertise.

At Ahmedabad Civil Hospital, doctors said two of five passengers who miraculously survived the disaster with injuries were flown to Bombay. The other three were reported in stable condition.

Doctors said a total of 129 sets of remains had been recovered from the crash site of Indian Airlines flight IC 113, which was carrying 135 passengers and crew from Bombay. It was preparing to land when it ploughed through a treetop and some power lines and then smashed into a rice paddy and exploded.

P.C. Sen, an official of the Civil Aviation Ministry, retracting a statement he made on Wednesday, said the cockpit voice recorder tape had been found intact and was not missing. The device and the cockpit flight data recorder were sent for analysis to New Delhi, he said.

Meanwhile, police and forestry officers recovered 13 more bodies of people killed when a propeller-driven Fokker Friendship smashed into a jungle-covered hillside near Gauthai, the capital of northeastern Assam state, slightly less than two hours after the Indian Airlines disaster.

Officials said that altogether 30 bodies had been found amid the remains of the plane, which was owned by Vayudoot, a small government-run carrier that serves mostly remote locations. It was the first accident involving a Vayudoot aircraft since the company began operations in 1981.

Israeli warplanes hit ...

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"I can't wait to watch the planes attacking," Saleh said.

She said "very few civilians" were wounded by shrapnel. Most of the casualties were combatants manning the depot and Fatah base.

Israeli gunners stationed in Israel's self-proclaimed "security zone" of South Lebanon also hammered the town and the nearby village of Al Lwayz with 155mm howitzers, he said.

Gen. Michel Aoun, who heads the Christian military cabinet of Lebanon's dual government, announced the Israeli air attack.

"We denounce this attack on Lebanese territory and call on all foreign states to refrain from interfering in Lebanon's internal affairs," Aoun said in a statement.

Iraq repeats offer ...

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Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, said captives should be freed after the Aug 20 ceasefire was consolidated and forces were withdrawn behind international borders.

"We want the release of the POWs to be speeded up but within the framework of Resolution 598," the Iranian news agency IRNA, quoted Rafsanjani as saying.

He said Baghdad's offer was intended to deflect mounting domestic pressure for the return of prisoners.

Rejection
An Iranian Foreign Ministry statement, read on Iranian television, repeated Iran's rejection of the Iraqi offer but said Tehran was ready to repatriate a number of sick and disabled prisoners if Iraq did the same.

Marcos indicted

NEW YORK, Oct. 21, (Reuters) — Ousted Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos and his wife Imelda were indicted today on charges that they used illegally acquired millions of dollars to secretly purchase Manhattan property.

Government officials said the grand jury in New York handed up its sweeping indictments a day after negotiations broke down between US prosecutors and defence lawyers on a possible plea deal for the 71-year-old exiled leader.

Athletes barred

NICOSIA, Oct. 21, (Reuters) — Iran's Muslim leaders have decided that women athletes can compete abroad only in archery and one or two other sports, the Iranian news agency IRNA reported yesterday.

Don't attack Army, Burmese warned

BANGKOK, Oct 21, (Reuters): Burma's military rulers have told political parties preparing for planned general elections they will not tolerate speeches or actions that might damage the unity of the Army.

State radio, in a dispatch monitored in Bangkok, broadcast a statement signed by head of the military council Saw Maung saying some political parties had taken advantage of the right to campaign granted after last month's military takeover.

"(They) have made speeches and engaged in organisational activities to divide and undermine the unity of the armed forces," it said.

Such activity was banned, the statement said, adding: "Strict action will be taken if this prohibition is violated."

More than 20 have registered and begun canvassing for votes across the country, although campaigning is limited by continued restrictions including an overnight curfew and a ban on outdoor meetings.

Aung San Suu Kyi, general secretary of the main opposition

National League for Democracy (NLD), interviewed by telephone from Bangkok, said the military appeared to believe some parties were overstepping the mark in their campaigning.

Consequences
She said NLD officials were looking into the possible consequences of the military statement.

No date for the elections has been fixed, but the state commission preparing the poll has made clear it will not be before early next year.

The radio also reported further administrative steps to kill the former one-party socialist state, which was imposed by the Army after the 1962 coup and whose repressive policies and inefficient economy impoverished the once-thriving country.

A decree said the country was to be called the Union of Burma, instead of the Socialist Union of Burma. The new name had already been used in several announcements.

It dropped the word "people's" from the title of several bodies and functions.

NEW YORK, Oct 21, (Reuters): "Happy Birthday to You," sung thousands of times daily as people all over the world celebrate birthdays, is for sale.

The song, which may appear to belong to everyone, is actually still under copyright, and the company that owns it has come on the market, according to a report in yesterday's New York Times.

Birchtree Ltd, which copyrighted the song in 1935, is expected to fetch \$12 million. "Happy Birthday" brings in revenues of \$1 million a year, the paper said.

The song was written by two Sunday school teachers, Patty and Mildred Hill of Louisville, Kentucky, and was published in their book "Song Stories for the Sunday School."

The original words of the song were "Good Morning to You, Good Morning to You, Good Morning, dear Children, Good Morning to You." The sisters added the birthday words later.

Although the song is sung and played thousands of times a day, copyright is only paid when it is performed in public.

For example, the makers of one digital watch that can be programmed to play the tune every hour on the owner's birthday pay Birchtree a penny a watch.

"Happy Birthday" also reaped copyright payments when it was performed in films "10," "The Great Santini," "Oh God," and "Fame."

Don't eat locusts

RIYADH, Oct 21, (Reuters): Don't eat the locusts, they could damage your health, according to a warning issued by Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Agriculture and Water.

The worst locust plague for 25 years has provided a gourmet treat for Saudi Arabians.

"They grill them like shrimp," one expatriate said.

But the swarms winging in over the Red Sea from Africa along a 600-mile (1,000 km) front have been sprayed with lethal insecticides, according to the health alert published by the Al-Riyadh daily yesterday.

Marxists kill ruling party member

Sri Lanka suspends anti-rebel operations

COLOMBO, Oct 21, (Reuters): Suspected Marxist rebels killed a senior ruling United National Party member today, only hours after the government said it had suspended operations against them, police said.

They said a gang, believed to be from the People's Liberation Front, hurled bombs and shot at a car in which lawyer Tudor Keerthimanda was travelling.

Keerthimanda, a member of the ruling party's policy-making working committee, died instantly. His wife and driver were seriously injured.

Police said suspected front gunmen also shot dead a traffic policeman last night at Kegalle, 80 km north-east of Colombo and shot and injured a police-

woman at Sapugaskanda, a Colombo suburb, today.

The government on Thursday ceased operations against the front for a week to try to end a spate of political killings.

Peace pact
The front, which opposes a peace pact signed with India last year in an attempt to end ethnic strife, has been blamed for more than 450 killings in the past 14 months.

The front, mainly youths of the majority Sinhalese community, is protesting against the presence of 50,000 Indian troops on the island to enforce the peace pact.

"The government has decided to suspend counter-subversive operations against politically

motivated killings for a period of one week from today the 20th October," National Security Minister Lalith Athulathmudali said.

"The government will review the situation after studying the response," he told a news conference.

Athulathmudali said the move was aimed at giving an opportunity to those who had become involved in political killings to stop such action and adopt democratic methods of protest.

Release
Normal policing would continue and those breaking the law would be dealt with strictly, he said.

The government had decided

to expedite the release of detainees against whom no charges were to be made and to hasten the filing of complaints against those who were to be charged.

He said a total of 788 people, mostly those suspected of being members of the front, were now in custody. About 440 had been released recently.

Concessions
"The government has decided to expedite on a priority basis, the release of detainees against whom no charges will be preferred," Athulathmudali said. "The filing of indictments or complaints against those who are to be charged will also be expedited."

The People's Liberation Front is led by Rohana Wijeweera, a

medical dropout from Moscow's Patrice Lumumba University. It opposes an India-brokered peace accord because it claims the pact gives too many concessions to Tamils who comprise 18 per cent of Sri Lanka's 16 million people.

The Tamil peace accord, signed in July 1987, calls for greater autonomy for provincial councils in the northeastern district where Tamils make up the majority. Under terms of the accord, the north and eastern provinces were merged into a single administrative unit.

But the most important of the Tamil rebels groups, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, has rejected the accord, saying it did not meet rebel expectations.

Suharto rules out change in policy

JAKARTA, Oct 21, (Reuters): President Suharto said yesterday communist and liberal politics were both foreign to the national character and ruled out any change in the political path Indonesia has followed during his 22-year rule.

"The development of Indonesia's national ideology ... through national consensus gives us all strength," he said at the opening of Indonesia's ruling Golkar Party congress.

"With this path there is no dictatorship by the majority or tyranny by the minority. All groups feel they can belong, be they strong or weak, big or little ... not many voices, but one big strong one."

The 67-year-old leader spoke after his Vice-President Sudharmono said he would step down as chairman of Golkar which won more than 70 per cent of the votes in last year's election.

Political analysts said that as party chairman for 10 years and Vice President, Sudharmono was a likely candidate to be next President of Indonesia.

But his appointment as Vice-President last March caused unease among the country's

powerful military which thought him too left-wing. Speculation has been rife he would quit as Golkar chairman.

In an interview this week, Sudharmono denied rumours he was once involved with a leftist youth group and in a 1948 communist coup attempt.

Communism has been banned since Suharto came to power in 1965 after a second attempt by communists to grab power that was followed by a massacre in which up to 500,000 people died. Before the coup Indonesia had the world's third largest Communist Party.

"Communism and political ideologies based on class conflict are foreign to the personality of Indonesia," Suharto said.

He said Golkar, Indonesia's largest political organisation with some 25 million members, was the "best channel for people's political aspirations."

1,500 missing after storm in Bangladesh

DHAKA, Oct 21, (AP): A severe storm lashed southern Bangladesh and battered coastal cities with high waves, and as many as 1,500 were missing, news reports and witnesses said today.

The storm, packing winds of 120 kilometres per hour and 4-metre-high waves, hit coastal cities on the Bay of Bengal early Wednesday. It knocked down thousands of mud-and-straw houses, snapped power lines and overturned fishing boats and trawlers, the report said.

One person was killed and more than 1,000 were injured, according to police and news reports.

"We had (no) ... prior bad weather warning. It came all of a sudden," one resident, Abdul Mannan, told the Bengali language daily, the Dainik Bangla.

The government-run newspaper said at least six trawlers carrying 40 fishermen sank off the town of Cox's Bazar early Wednesday. All 40 were missing and feared dead, it said.

30 dying daily in Khartoum refugee camp

KHARTOUM, Oct 21, (Reuters): Thirty people are dying every day of malaria or typhoid at a refugee camp in Khartoum, a Sudanese newspaper said.

Guiding Star said cases of disease had risen sharply in the past few days at Abu Showak, home for about 50,000 of the one million refugees who have crowded into Khartoum to escape civil war and famine in southern Sudan.

The English-language weekly said five people died in two hours on Oct 16 when its reporter visited the camp, one of 41 ring-fenced the Sudanese capital.

It said no one from the Health Ministry or foreign aid agencies had visited Abu Showak since malaria and typhoid broke out simultaneously in September.

The camp had no medical supplies and also lacked running water, electricity and drains, it said.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Diplomatic ties

RABAT, Oct 21, (AP): Morocco and India have decided to re-establish diplomatic relations after a break of three years, the government announced today.

Morocco severed its relations with New Delhi in 1985 following India's decision to recognise the "Saharan Arab Republic," government-in-exile of the Polisario guerrilla movement seeking independence in the former Spanish Sahara.

Lord Callaghan

LONDON, Oct 21, (Reuters): Former Labour Prime Minister Lord Callaghan, 76, collapsed at a hospital service in London yesterday and was taken to hospital.

"He was conscious when he arrived. We are keeping him in for observation. He is very comfortable," a spokeswoman at St Thomas's Hospital said.

Asked what was wrong with Callaghan, she said: "He just collapsed. They realised something was wrong with him when they went to sing another hymn and he didn't stand up."

Nuclear missiles

LONDON, Oct 21, (Reuters): The United States may triple the number of nuclear missiles stationed at its bases in Britain by the mid-1990s, according to two defence analysts.

Paul Rogers and Dan Plesch, writing in the weekly left-wing New Statesman journal, said the new forces could undermine last year's Soviet-US Intermediate Nuclear Forces (INF) deal which included the removal of 112 US cruise missiles from Britain.

Held in dog cage

JOHANNESBURG, Oct 21, (AP): Police are investigating claims by four black youths that they were held for 36 hours in a small cage for police dogs, a legislator said today.

Peter Gastrow, an anti-apartheid member of parliament, said that a police commander had assured him the charges would be investigated thoroughly.

Demonstration ban

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, Oct 21, (AP): Authorities have issued a ban on unauthorised public gatherings in downtown Prague, Czech newspapers reported today.

Such meetings were tentatively scheduled to take place on Oct 28 to commemorate 70 years of Czechoslovak independence and on Oct 29 when a discussion club was to convene. Both events were to take place on downtown Wenceslas Square.

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Plans being finalised for monorail

KUWAIT Municipality is finalising plans for a mass transport fast train service according to a local daily.

The plan is based on a detailed feasibility study of available transportation system.

The municipality has already allocated routes for the new service, to be called monorail. The routes were determined in the municipality's plan for 1971. The projected cost in 1983 was estimated at KD 300 million.

The study concluded the monorail system is the best for Kuwait City due to its aesthetic appeal and based on efficiency of operation along the busiest routes in Kuwait—Kuwait-Farwaniya and Kuwait-Salmiya.

Authority looking out for locusts

KUWAIT, Oct. 21, (KUNA): Watch units for the Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources, in co-operation with various state agencies, have been stationed on the Kuwait-Saudi borders for the possible arrival of locust swarms.

The authority also warned citizens and expatriates against eating the locusts which have been sprayed with insecticides.

The Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) had warned, in a bulletin, that swarms of locusts might reach Kuwait and Bahrain.

The authority has urged farmers to take the necessary precautions to avoid the extensive losses in case the country is invaded by locusts.

It also asked them to report any sighting of locusts to the control in Wafra area at 3952012, and the one in Abdali at 2700249, or at 4743872 seven days a week until 8 pm.

Upon the sighting of locusts, all farmers are urged to rush a sample to one of these control centres.

East German arts exhibition begins Monday

KUWAIT, Oct. 21, (KUNA): The acting secretary-general of the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters (NCCAL), Dr. Farouk Al Omar, on Thursday received the East German Ambassador to Kuwait Dr. Kurt Merkle.

Council sources said that preparations for the East German arts exhibition, scheduled in Kuwait at the arts gallery in Abdullah Al Salem area from Monday to Nov. 3, were discussed.

The exhibition will be under the auspices of State Minister for Cabinet Affairs NCCAL Chairman Rashid Abdul Aziz Al Rashid.

The ambassador invited Kuwait to hold a Kuwaiti arts exhibition in East Germany next April.

Doctor urges breast feeding

A LOCAL survey on child nutrition has revealed that only 70 per cent of new born babies are breast fed.

Dr. Saham Abdul Ghafour, a paediatrician, added that only 47 per cent of two-month old children are breast fed and the percentage declines to 8 per cent among six-month old children.

Almost 20 per cent of children in Kuwait suffer diarrhoea from food contamination and mothers are urged to breast feed their babies to prevent such health problems.

A booklet on feeding children was published by the Yarmouk Health Centre for International Child Health Day. The booklet contains advice and information gleaned from years of experience in the field, Dr. Abdul Ghafour noted.

Kuwaiti official lauds achievements of OIC conference

ISLAMABAD, Oct. 21, (KUNA): Sheikh Ibrahim Al Duaij Al Sabah, chairman of Kuwait's Agricultural Affairs and Fisheries Resources Authority yesterday described the third OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development as one of the most successful meetings held under the aegis of the OIC.

"It went smoothly and it took all its decisions with a consensus," he said. The Sheikh spoke to KUNA before his departure for home yesterday after attending the three-day conference.

The Sheikh, who led a four-man Kuwaiti delegation to the conference, paid rich tribute to Pakistani Minister for Agriculture Sartaj Aziz, who was chairman of the conference, for conducting deliberations with wisdom and understanding.

Sheikh Ibrahim said the Pakistani minister accepted an invitation to visit Kuwait. No date has been fixed for the visit.

The chief Kuwaiti delegate said it was heartening that the session decided to adopt, as its document, the Amir of Kuwait's speech to the United Nations General Assembly last month in his capacity as chairman of the Organisation of Islamic Conference.

Commenting on the speech, the delegates particularly appreciated the Amir's call to international monetary and financial organisations to reduce the debt burden of poorer countries of the South and to eliminate interest on their loans. If adopted, these measures will give a great amount of relief to the poor countries, especially in the matter of food imports, he said.

Impacts
Sheikh Ibrahim said all 10 resolutions adopted at the conference will have tremendous impacts on the economies of Islamic countries. He said and stressed that the need for food self-sufficiency demands extraordinary efforts.

The Kuwaiti delegation leader said, Kuwait has launched a comprehensive plan to boost agricultural production and is experimenting with growing

wheat.

Participants at the conference decided to build an OIC food security reserve. One per cent production of wheat, rice, and maize of each country will be given to a needy Islamic country. Sheikh Ibrahim said the decision was a practical and logical one.

Regarding the decision at the conference to increase livestock production to overcome the acute meat shortage in OIC countries, Sheikh Ibrahim said it will not be an easy task, but could be undertaken by all member states.

"In tackling this problem they would emulate the example of countries like Turkey, Pakistan, Sudan and Somalia who have done quite well in this field," he said.

Depends
Another resolution urges member states to import foodstuffs from the Islamic world instead of depending on non-Muslim countries. The Kuwaiti delegation leader said this is a good proposal, but its success depends on transportation and co-ordination.

He said he asked conference delegates to evolve a workable plan in this respect.

Egypt and Iran offered to host the Fourth Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development in 1991. Sheikh Ibrahim said an OIC committee will decide which of these two countries will host the conference.

Conferences of Islamic states provide an excellent opportunity for leaders of the Islamic world to get together and "good things always come out of them," he said.

Sheikh Ibrahim thanked the government and the people of Pakistan for extending a warm welcome, hospitality and courtesy to the Kuwaiti delegation during their stay here.

At the Islamabad Airport, Sheikh Ibrahim and members of his delegation were seen off by the Pakistani Agricultural Minister and the Kuwaiti Ambassador in Pakistan Qasim Omar Al Yaqout.

Sheikh Ibrahim returned home yesterday.

Woman breaking new ground in efforts to become pilot

By Lima Al Khalafawi

THE era of exclusivity of male pilots in the Middle East will soon end if the efforts of a hard working and enterprising Middle Eastern Arab woman are successful.

Fatin Al Massri was the first Arab woman to fly a Boeing 707 from Lebanon to Cairo three years ago. She came to Kuwait full of hopes to join an airline as a trainee pilot.

Speaking to the Arab Times, Al Massri said that she was able to complete 250 flying hours with the Aero Club in Lebanon. During her training hours she flew Boeing 707s, Boeing 747s and a Cessna 150.

Fulfilled
Her training as a pilot began four years ago while she was finishing her studies at the university in electronic engineering. She was the only female out of 10 students who enrolled in training programmes.

The nine other students went to France, but she had to stay in Lebanon only because she is a woman, she said.

In Lebanon she was given the opportunity to join a Middle East airline training programme where she received an excellent

report. But her application to study flying was flatly rejected by the company.

The incident only gave her more determination to join the Aero Club where she finally fulfilled her dream to study flying. She paid for the costly endeavour by earning extra income giving private lessons.

After long hours of training, officials at the airport allowed her to train there and fly a Boeing 707 and Boeing 747.

During that time she was able to practise landing and take-offs several hundreds of times and to fly from Lebanon to Egypt for an hour and 20 minutes. The only thing that kept her from flying more was she did not complete 2,500 hours of flying time, but later she continued her training with the Aero Club.

Prove
Al Massri later stopped practising because of the war conditions in Lebanon, but wants to join any airline to complete her training to become a pilot.

Being the first Arab woman to pilot an airplane can be a headache in this part of the world, she said.

There is a definite lack of confidence in the abilities of women, which are the same if not better



Fatin Al Massri.

than men in the Arab world, Al Massri said. On one occasion passengers were afraid to board the plane when she was in the cockpit, she said.

Arab women must be given greater opportunities to prove themselves and their abilities, she said. People should change their narrow views about women pilots.

To prove her abilities Al Massri wants to join an airline as a flight engineer, then become a first officer and finally sit in the pilot's seat.

GCC official says council at crucial stage

MANAMA, Oct. 21, (KUNA): The secretary-general of the Gulf Co-operation Council, Abdullah Yaqub Bishara, Thursday said that the GCC is at the threshold of an important stage of its seven years of existence, namely peace and rebuilding.

In an interview with the daily Al Khaleej published here, Bishara added that there is no excuse, particularly after Iraq and Iran lay down their guns, for any delay in implementing what GCC citizens ask for.

Discussing the need for peace and stability in the Gulf region, the GCC chief urged the six member states to combine their efforts to realise the full implementation of UN Resolution 598, so that true peace reigns over the region.

The GCC secretary-general, who is visiting Oman, met today with the Omani Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Youssef Ben Alawi Abdulla on a number of matters of interest to the Gulf states and issues to be discussed during the upcoming GCC summit.

Man sentenced to four years for smuggling liquor

A MAN was sentenced to four years in jail by Kuwait's Criminal Court on charges of smuggling and trading in liquor. The defendant claimed that he had five accomplices who supplied him with liquor from Iran. However, the court acquitted the accused accomplices in light of evidence and its investigation.

Forged Iranian riyals discovered

ABU DHABI, Oct. 21, (KUNA): One million and a half forged Iranian riyals were discovered in Dubai, it was reported here on Thursday.

The money was sold by an unidentified person. The case was reported to police, according to sources quoted here.

The UAE newspaper "Al Itihad" said this case is the first in which forged Iranian currency was discovered.

Man dies in shooting accident

A YOUNG citizen died Thursday night after accidentally shooting himself. The man was playing with a hunting rifle when it fired and killed him.

Security authorities have begun investigations.

Sheikha Hussah ends Soviet cultural visit

MOSCOW, Oct. 21, (KUNA): The director of the Kuwaiti House of Islamic Antiquities, Sheikha Hussah Al Sabah, Thursday left the Soviet Union after conducting a series of meetings on strengthening cultural exchanges between the Soviet Union and Kuwait.

She was seen off at the airport by head of the Gulf Affairs section at the Soviet Ministry of Culture, Zaur Rostomzadah and Kuwaiti Ambassador to the Soviet Union Abdul Mohsin Al Duaij.

Sheikha Hussah, accompanied by Ambassador Al Duaij, Thursday visited the Soviet Eastern Studies Institute where she discussed with the institute's first deputy director means of promoting cultural co-operation between the two countries.

The institute's deputy director affirmed his foundation's interest in developing cultural ties with Kuwaiti educational and cultural institutions.

He said co-operation between

the Soviet Union and Kuwait is very broad and that the bonds between the two countries will remain to have "special nature" over Soviet relations with any other country.

Sheikha Hussah expressed satisfaction about the agreement reached with the Soviet Aramit Museum to organise an exhibition in Kuwait in 1990. The Kuwaiti House of Antiquities will hold a similar one in the Soviet city of Leningrad.

Computer classes offered

THE director of the Training and Development Department at Kuwait University, Dr. Hussein Yaghi, said that the department was established to offer computer courses to all students, teachers and staff at the university.

The department also offers similar computer courses for the public and state employees in the evening, the official said.

The department began offering computer training courses in Aug. 1986. Eleven computer centres have been established at the department. There are 25 training courses which include training on personal computers, library works, accounting, administrative, engineering and technical work. Only 15 people are trained per session, the official said.

About 10,000 people have so far benefitted from these courses and about 40 computer programmes have been produced, he added.



British Airways recently co-hosted a function for secretaries with a local hotel. Nearly 550 people enjoyed a tropical setting while sampling food from many countries and listening to the music of the resident band. Most of the secretaries are members of the British Airways Executive Secretary International Club (ESIC) which promotes closer co-operation so that the airline can inform secretaries about its business activities.



The international training manager of Boitern, Yolande Kayzer, introduced a new collection of skin care products at a press conference at the Kuwait Hilton. The new range of these products are natural, powerful and suitable for the humid, hot weather in Kuwait. Kayzer said that Boitern takes into account the age of a woman's skin. These products are made with ingredients by Thermal Plankton.

Bahrain Digest

Olive oil conference held

UNDER the patronage of Bahrain's Minister of Health Jawad Al Arayed, an international conference on olive oil and health, organised by the International Olive Oil Council, was held at the College of Medicine and Medical Sciences of Arabian Gulf University on Thursday.

Rifat A. Hameed, director of Public Health; Fausto Luchetti, executive director of the International Olive Oil and Professors Francisco Grande Covan, Enzo Fedeli and Manuel Ignacio De Oya Otero attended.

Luchetti cited the objectives of the International Olive Council to medical personnel from Oman, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Bahrain. He said that the council is working with inter-governmental agencies worldwide in all aspects of promoting, improving and regulating olive oil for consumption.

Once every five years the council holds a major international seminar or conference on issues related to the importance of olive oil, he said.

Professor Francisco Grande, a leading expert on olive oil who is credited with about 350 papers on the subject—spoke on olive oil in relation to human health.

"The cultivation of the olive tree originated some 6,000 years ago at the eastern end of the Mediterranean, particularly in Crete and Palestine. Olive oil was in great demand in the ancient world as food, as fuel for lamps, as a medicine and for cosmetic use," he said.

"Ever since, olive oil has been praised for its excellent qualities as a food, as well for the medical properties. Scientific research began on olive oil only 35 years ago," he added.

Grande recommended the consumption of olive oil to reduce fat intake.

Hilton names general manager

HILTON International Hotel in Bahrain has appointed a new general manager, Jean-Pierre Mainardi from France.

Mainardi's exposure in hotel business started at an early age in his parents' hotel in France.

A graduate of Lannax College in Cambridge, Britain and the University of Economic Science in Paris, he has come a long way since his trainee days at the Hilton International in Paris. His subsequent assignments on supervisory and managerial levels were in Hilton Orly, Brussels, London, Bangkok for four years as executive assistant manager and as general manager and country director of Hilton International Lahore, Pakistan.

'World AIDS Day' to be observed

BAHRAIN will join the international community in observing the 'World AIDS Day' on Dec. 1.

Dr. Rashid Fulayil, Health Ministry undersecretary and chairman of the government's AIDS Prevention Committee, said programmes aimed at making the public aware of fighting the killer disease will be developed in co-ordination with the World Health Organisation. Lectures will be made by doctors at schools and clubs. Dr. Fulayil said the committee's carrying out a regular public education campaign to increase public awareness of the disease.

"Leaflets are being issued at the airport for Bahrainis going abroad, and the blood of high risk group is regularly screened," he added.

Kuwaiti newspapers hail Amir's proposals

KUWAIT, Oct. 21, (KUNA):

Kuwaiti newspapers on Thursday lauded the exemplary proposals for administrative reforms which HH the Amir made Wednesday during his meeting with ministers of services.

"The Amir has set an example of how responsible government officials should conduct business," commented one daily in a front-page editorial.

The paper said if ministers and senior officials take the Amir's advice, major defects in the performance of government departments will surely be corrected.

Based on the instructions of the Amir, the paper said, ministers and leading officials should visit departments and sections under their authority to see for themselves the progress of work.

The visit would put ministers in a better position when evaluating staff performance, the newspaper said.

"The Amir's instructions for ministers to maintain direct supervision of their departments and staff relations with the public would drastically increase work performance and herald a new phase of administrative reform,"

the newspaper said.

The daily said administrative reform does not come about by changing officials, but by changing the mentality of those that run the workplace.

Another daily commented that following the Amir's diagnosis of the ailments in the administrative set up, ministers and officials should start acting immediately to right any mistakes.

"The ministers in question have no pretext or excuse anymore. The defect has been made clear and treatment clearer. Reports and rumours of bad services and mismanagement are nothing but the truth, towards which we should not turn a blind eye," the paper's editor-in-chief, wrote.

The newspaper said the Amir's accurate description of the situation in government organisations showed that he is in touch with citizen complaints and grievances.

Echoing the Amir's words, the newspaper said it is all the more ironic that hard working civil servants are not rewarded whilst lazy employees are receiving benefits.

Firm introduces new products

WHILE moisturisers are widely used to ward off the effects of the harsh Gulf climate, the general complaint was that they left the skin greasy.

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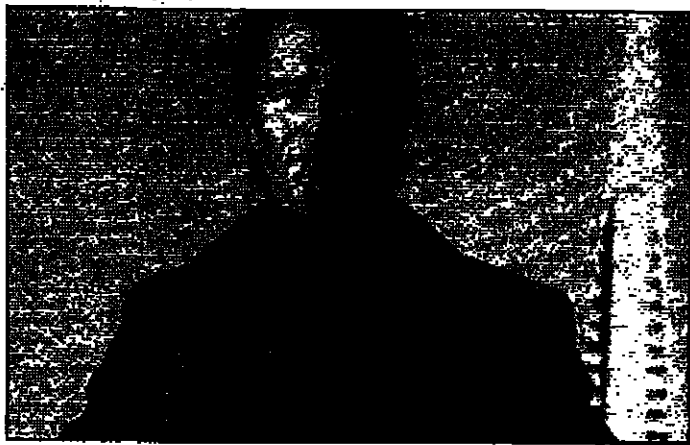
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TV CORNER

This week on KTV 2

- SUNDAY**
- 6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Thundercats: cartoons
6.30 Fast Forward: "Electricity." This episode deals with different sources of energy.
7.00 Steel Riders: "Bad Company." Sandra and Mike fight back after a daring chase in dark alleys.
7.30 Challenge: "Vast Continent." A group of scientists explore the southern region of Antarctica.
8.00 News in English
8.40 The Flying Doctors: a team of reporters arrive in town to record the life and work of the flying doctors.
9.30 Hooperman: John Ritter plays the title role in this half-hour comedy as a police inspector who inherits a building — and Bijoux, a dog described by Hooperman as "one of those horrible yapping creatures with bulging eyes."
10.00 She is the Sheriff: Hilda, injured and hospitalized, has to put up with the petty quarrel of her two aunts as well. The female sheriff of a town faces a challenging job.
10.30 Best-Seller: "Mus-solini." Start of series on the life of Italian Fascist leader Benito Mussolini. Premier of Italy from 1922-1943.
11.30 News in Brief
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/ Holy Quran/Closedown
- MONDAY**
- 6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Bionic Six: cartoons
6.30 The Friends of My Friends: "Musicalian." This episode focuses on Pakistan, as seen by a group of young musicians learning national and folk songs from Ali Khan, an artist living in Rawalpindi.
7.00 Roving Report: weekly roundup of world news.
- 7.30 Out of This World: "Duelling Mayors." Who will win the elections? Mayor Kyle Applegate, seeking a third term, or actor Charles Nelson?
8.00 News in English
8.40 Miami Vice: "Contempt of Court." Crockett is held in contempt to court after refusing to reveal the identity of his informant, a key witness, in a case. Starring: Don Johnson.
9.30 In Search Of ... Hiroshima: Survivors of the first atomic bomb attack talk about their experiences.
10.00 You Can't Take It With You: Harry Morgan stars in this family show. Tonight, one of the girls wants to raise funds for a charity.
10.30 Jake and the Fatman: Another murder, and more intrigue follow, after a pretty woman's husband is killed. Starring: William Conrad and E. Penny.
11.30 News Summary
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/ Closedown
- TUESDAY**
- 6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Dinosaurs: cartoon serial
6.30 Professor Poosangle: children's serial
7.00 Discoveries Underwater: "Oldest Shipwreck." A diving team discovers a sunken treasure in the Mediterranean Sea.
8.00 News in English
8.40 Five Mile Creek: "A Few Surprises."
9.30 Easy Street: starring Loni Anderson.
10.00 Secrets and Mysteries: focus on the ability of Ninja Warriors.
10.30 Edge of Darkness: police thriller. Detective Brian is attacked during investigations into the links between Northmore and an IRA faction.
11.30 News Summary
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/ Closedown



John Ritter plays Hooperman, Sundays at 9.30 pm

- WEDNESDAY**
- 6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 My Pet Monster: cartoon serial
6.30 Wonderstruck: this episode examines the links between templates and telephones and looks at recycling of waste products.
7.00 Fable Oscar embarks on another exciting adventure with his son, Sammy.
7.30 Growing Pains: "Marrying Kind." Carol wants to marry. But will her parents agree?
8.00 News in English
8.40 Probe: "Now You See It." Austin's held responsible for a computer error.
9.30 The Secret World: documentary
10.00 What's Happening Now: the wife is not too happy about her husband's involvement in settling a dispute...
10.30 L.A. Law
11.30 News Summary
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/ Closedown
- THURSDAY**
- 6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Mask: cartoon serial
6.30 Sesame Street: educational show for young viewers.
7.30 Mac and Muttley: training dogs to detect explosives; and how chimpanzees are trained.
8.00 News in English
8.40 The Highwayman: a gang is stopped from exploiting an Indian legend and taking over a uranium mine.
9.30 The Cosby Show: Dr. Huxtable fails to see his neighbour's point of view. Starring: Bill Cosby.
10.00 Spectacular Sports, Spectators and Fabulous Funks: a 30-minute show about the mishaps and misadventures of sportsmen and sportswomen.
10.30 Late Night Movie: "Streets of Justice." Starring: John Laughlin, Robert Loggia. A husband seeks revenge after his wife's murders are self-free by a court of law.
12.00 News in Brief
12.10 Magazine D'Actualite/ Closedown
- FRIDAY**
- 4.00 Holy Quran
4.10 Silver Hawk: cartoon serial
4.30 Italian Football
5.30 Walt Disney Film: "Hero." An astronaut rescues a monkey, and by a strange occurrence, their brains are switched.
7.00 Star Trek: "Code of Honour." A new adventure in outer space...
8.00 News in English
8.30 Breaking Away
8.40 Big League Soccer: highlights of English League football matches.
9.50 Jack Thompson: Down Under: tonight's episode examines the lifestyle of the aborigines in Australia; looks at cattle trading and hunts for treasures on isolated islands.
10.30 Diamonds: "Here Comes the Bride." The wedding ceremony of Michael and Christine is spoiled by a disturbing event.
11.30 News in Brief
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/ Closedown

Kuwait's first music festival

By Mahmoud Mursi

KUWAITI music and song will get a boost when the first ever festival of music opens at the Shaab Sea Club on Wednesday.

Some of the best-known singers and upcoming talents have been grouped together to encourage musical culture in Kuwait, said Abdul Raouf Ismael, a well-known singer who is heading the organising committee. Ismael will also participate in the festival.

The three-day festival is aimed at encouraging Kuwaiti's upcoming singers and musicians to display their talent. Preparations for the festival began months in advance and the best performers were selected to participate in the festival. Of the 30 music groups which auditioned only 14 were selected to take part in the show.

The festival will be held in an open-air theatre that is now being built at the Shaab Sea Club. Some 1,500 people are expected to attend the shows.

Malaysian trade and cultural fair

A THREE-DAY Malaysian trade and cultural fair will begin Tuesday at a local hotel.

Called the Malaysian Fair, it will be held under the patronage of Kuwait's Minister of Commerce and Industry, Faisal Al Khalid and has been organised by the Embassy of Malaysia.

More than 200 items highlighting the development of trade and industry in that country will be exhibited, including rubber and palm-oil products, canned and bottled foodstuffs, fresh fruit, electronic goods, computers and furniture.

Malaysian dance and music will be presented by a 16-member troupe, eight dancers and eight singers. Malaysian food, prepared by chefs flown in from Kuala Lumpur, will be served to guests.

The exhibition will be open from 9 am to 1 pm and 4 to 8 pm.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

- 9.00 Holy Quran
9.10 Good Morning
9.15 Dabdoob Al Musiqar: cartoons
10.00 Abul Fuloos: daily serial
10.45 News followed by music
11.00 Al Zankalooni: daily serial
12.15 Gulf Cuisine
1.00 News
1.05 World Today via Satellite
1.30 Cartoons
2.00 Rasasah Fil Qalb: Arabic feature film, starring Mohammad Abdul Qahab, Raqiya, Ibrahim and Siraj Munir
4.45 Ra'ad Al Amlaq: cartoons
5.05 Noor Al Islam: a serial programme to mark the birthday of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)
5.45 La Ilaha Illallah: historical serial
6.45 Live from the Grand Mosque: Islamic talks to mark the birthday of the Prophet
7.55 Security and Citizens
8.30 Good Evening
9.00 News in Arabic

- 9.45 Songs and Music
10.30 Daerat Al Ahdath: Circle of Events. Guests are Sheikh Ibrahim Duaij Al Sabah, Nazar Mulla Hussein, Fahad Al Hassawi, Naima Al Shayji
11.45 News Summary
11.50 World today via satellite/ Holy Quran/ Closedown

father's visit turns sour due to an unfortunate mishap
9.30 The Life of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH): a religious programme to mark the birthday of the Prophet

10.00 War in Korea: documentary. A look at the Korean war. Tonight, the Chinese counter-attack forces the Americans to retreat.

KTV 2

- 6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 My Little Pony: cartoons
6.30 Sam's Luck: the family prepare for a surprise birthday party for the youngest boy...
7.00 Survival: nature. A look at rats.
7.30 Life with Lucy: "Lucy Gets Her Wires Crossed." Comedy. Curtis as Mr. Fix It on TV? The idea seems plausible until Mrs. Fix-It comes into the picture.
8.00 News in English
8.40 Our House: "Families and ..." Grand-

10.30 Made-for-TV Movie: "The Connection." Starring: Charles Dunning, Zohra Lambert, Ronnie Cox. If you like tough, hard-boiled New York characters who have hearts of gold you'll enjoy the lead in this film.

11.30 News in Brief
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/ Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

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Al Kamal Pharmacy
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Khatana
Al Tawfiq Pharmacy
Raja'an Commercial Centre, South St.
Jahra
Al Noor Pharmacy
Abdul Aziz Nasrullah Bldg., Matafi St.

CINEMA TODAY

- Al Andalus
Laka Hada Al Hub (Arabic)
Starring: Noor Shariff, Laila Alwi
Al Salmiya
Wet God (from Sunday)
Starring: Brooke Shields
Al Hamra
Dayavan (Hindi)
Starring: Vinod Khanna, Feroz Khan, Madhuri Dixit
Drive-In
Ighthal Madrasah (Arabic)
Starring: Nabila Obaid, Sabireen, Hisham Salim, Salah Qabil
Al Firdous
Dayaven (Hindi)
Starring: Vinod Khanna, Feroz Khan, Madhuri Dixit
Granada
Le Grand Carnaval (French)

- Al Fahsheel
Alleluja is Here
Al Jahra
Elephant Lost
Salaibkhat
Hasna Wa Amalqah (Arabic)
Fahsheel Open-Air
Zulm Ka Badla (Hindi)
Al Jeeb
Saamri (3-D; Hindi)
Ahmadi Drive-In
Who's That Girl

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| Zuhr | 11.32 |
| Asr | 2.45 pm |
| Maghreb | 5.10 |
| Isha | 6.28 |

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

- Kuwait Science Museum**
DAILY: 5 pm onwards:
Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Friday: 9 am onwards.
Islamic Arts Museum
SAT-THURS: 8.30 am to 12.30 noon and 4.30 to 7.30 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment.
Arabian Gulf St.
Tareq Rajab Museum
SAT-THURS: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; FRIDAYS: 9 am to noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.
Sadu House
SAT-THURS: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

THEATRE

- IAC**
OCT 22: 7.30 pm. An evening of entertainment will be held to mark Dussehra. A one-act comedy called Nazuk Sawari will also be presented. Open to members and their guests. For passes tel: 3904817.
Bengali Cultural Society
OCT 22: 8 pm. The Bengali Cultural Society will hold Bijoya Sarmelan at the Mousetrap Theatre. Highlights include entertainment by children. Contact organisers for passes.
Bengali Play
OCT 27-28: 6.30 pm. Mousetrap Theatre: The Mou-chak Group, a Bangladeshi group presents "Ballav Purer Rupkatha, a fairy tale. For reservations phone A. Karim — 2627643; Dr. Hyder — 5625456; Heron — 4893424.

SOCIAL

- Colva Nite**
OCT 27: 8.30 pm. Messilah Beach Hotel: Colva Nite with music by the Top Ranks. For details phone 2434776; 2413884; 4310913; 5629141 (after 5 pm).
Halloween Party
OCT 31: Children's Halloween pool party at Messilah Beach. Fancy dress competition, pantomime fun and pool fun games. For reservations call the hotel ext. 739/751.
Nite Flight 88
NOV 10: SAS Hotel, The Tent. 9.30 pm. The airline staff's first get-together: lavish

buffet, music by "Juke Box Band: Stepping Stones, Remy D'Mello/Tony Pinto, Jazz Quartet. Contest, prizes and surprises. For details ring John — 2434313/240.
Navellim Youth Centre
NOV 17: Second social get-together at a local hotel. Music by Stepping Stones. For details ring 2407360 after 3.30 pm.
Goa Cultural Association
DEC 8: Goa Cultural Association (S.U.F.A.), will hold their annual social evening at a local Kuwait hotel.

MUSIC

- Sounds Great**
OCT 22: Last show of Sounds Great. Pop-Rock Musical at the Salmiya Cinema. Tickets available from the box office.
David McArthur Recital
OCT 31: 8 pm. Mousetrap Theatre, Jabriya: British pianist David McArthur will give a recital as part of his third annual Gulf tour. For details contact 2469348/2441746/240-2287.
Bob Marley Night
NOV 4: SAS Tent. 7.30 to 9.30 pm: Steve Michael and The Electric Rendezvous will be seeking to recreate the spirit of Jamaica, with a tribute to Bob Marley, the king of reggae.

EDUCATION

- British Council**
OCT 25-26: 5.30 pm. A talk for students with a non-British secondary education will be held at the British Council, Mansouriya. For seat reservations call 2515512.

CINEMA

- Children's Film**
OCT 26-27: A film for children, Annie, will be shown at the British Council on Oct 26, 6 pm, and Oct 27, 10.30 am. Annie dreams of a life outside the orphanage and Daddy Warbucks makes her dream come true. Duration: 123 minutes. Admission free but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 2515512; 2533204.
At the Holiday Inn
SHAHRAZAD BBQ featured every Wednesday at the poolside at 8 pm. On Wednesdays Al Dana features "sea drama on ice," on Thursdays, an Indian night offering exotic eastern cuisine is held.
Thursdays: Dine and dance to music by Arab singers at Al Andalus Night Club. Friday: fun 'n' surprises for children and parents at the weekly brunch, 11 am to 3 pm.

HOTELS

At the Kuwait Plaza
FILIPINO night held every Sunday from 7 pm to 9.30 pm. Al Dallah coffee shop: Buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner; also set menu; mini-business lunch.

International Food Arcade
4 to 10 pm; ice cream festival: light snacks served from 10:00 am to 11:00 pm.

Bosphorus Restaurant
Turkish cuisine, a la carte; lunch and dinner daily except Saturday.

Marco Polo Restaurant
Italian food, live music and at night candlelight dinner.

At Messilah Beach
MUBARAKIYAH RESTAURANT: Open 24 hours, buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner and snacks. Sundays: Ladies Day; Mondays: birthday special; Fridays: special buffet "a go go."

At the Sheraton
RICCARDO'S: Italian cuisine; music by the Sienna's Duo. Lunch and dinner, daily. Closed on Fridays.

Al Hambra
Sundays: Lebanese cuisine; Wednesdays: seafood night; Friday's buffet brunch. Entertainment by the Marcus Band provide live entertainment.

Hunt Room
Lunch and dinner rest., specialises in meat and fish dishes.

Le Tarbouche
Daily lunch and dinner buffet featuring Arab cuisine. Thursdays: Arab world specialities; Fridays: buffet lunch and dinner.

Coffee Shop
International cuisine and daily specialities; ideal for casual or business meeting.

At the Ramada
LE MIRAGE NIGHT CLUB: Thursday night BBQ, full buffet; music by Al Arzz Band.

Al Bender Coffee Shop
Continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner; 6 am to midnight; a la carte available.

Al Gandouli Grill Garden
7 pm to midnight, features a selection of grilled specialities.

Open Garden
7 pm to midnight; a selection of teas, coffees, and juices; Arguilla water pipe available; videos shown on large screen every day.

Fish and Chips Shop
4 pm to 11 pm.

Take away counter
4 pm to 11 pm, Arabic sandwiches and snacks.

At the SAS
AL BUSTAN: "Oktober Fest," until Oct 28, featuring German cuisine. Buffet includes nudel suppe mit hubn, veal kasseler and other dishes.

Al Bustan offers Friday brunch
for families, 11.30 am to 3 pm. Duo Paradise from Poland provide music.

Sahrat Al Khaimah
Oriental night, held every Tuesday in the Tent; highlights are Arab souk, Oriental cuisine and Oriental music.

Peacock Room
Chinese meals prepared by chef Von Kwee Kiong. The menu features fried wonton, santeed diced chicken with cashew nut and steak Chinese style.

Al Boom
"New Taste of the Week" prepared by chef Peter D. Zobrist. Appetisers, charcoal grilled steak and seafood, plus daily special.

At the Continental
GARDENIA: 7 am to midnight; buffets featuring Arabic, Continental and Indian food. Special buffet for Thursday dinner and Friday lunch.

Darbar
Daily Indian lunch buffet, except Friday; a la carte dinner.

SPORTS

Boy's Own Club
OCT 22-23: Boy's Own Club will hold a seven-a-side one-day football festival. Interested teams can contact Milagres 3967446 or Joe D'Souza 4813622.

PBAK
OCT 23: 8 am. Picnic for all PBAK members and non-members at Messilah Beach. Games for men, women and children. Admission fee: 500 fils (adults); 250 fils (children).

NOV 4
4 pm. Ambassador Alunan C. Glang will present awards to the winners of the first PBAK inter-commercial bowling league. Buffet dinner. Admission KD5 per person. For reservations phone Sara Macarimbang 4843447; Ojje Olor — 5634200; Cora Paras — 4897536.

BA Cricket Weekend
BA AND HUBARA cricketers present the second cricket match involving ex-Test players Farokh Engineer (India) and Don Wilson (England).

OCT 23
10.30 am: There will be a BA vs Great Britain match. Both matches will be played over 45 overs each side on the New Ground Ahmad. Admission is free, all are welcome.

Kuwait Nomads Garden Fete
OCT 28: 12.00 — 4.00 pm. Kuwait Nomads R.F.C. Garden Fete. Admission KD0.500. Lots of stalls, games and prizes to be won. Fun for all the family.

Laser Club
NOV 4: Start of the Messilah Beach Laser Club's winter racing season. Laser owners and others interested are welcome. Instruction available. For details contact D. Clark — 2425947; P. Shepherd — 5314957; 4841513; P. Berry — 3924174.

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ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

MARRIAGE is an adventure, like going to war—G.K. Chesterton, English writer (1874-1936).

Austria hardens its stance on refugees

By Meriel Beattie

TRAIKIRCHEN, Austria. (Reuters): Josef and Eva left Poland this summer with a small amount of money, a few bags of clothing and the belief that Austria would help them begin a new life in the West.

Instead they found they had to sleep rough in the streets outside the gates of Traiskirchen refugee camp near Vienna, having been denied the food and temporary shelter Austria formerly offered to all asylum-seekers.

The middle-aged couple — who declined to give their surname — are among about 500 men, women and children from Eastern Europe who church groups and human rights campaigners say have been barred from the camp as Austria toughens its treatment of refugees.

"Until this summer everyone was let into the camp," Traiskirchen Evangelist Minister Christine Hubka told Reuters. "Then suddenly when I walked my dog in the evenings, I had to pick my way over the bodies sleeping on the pavement."

Sleep
For the past two and a half months Hubka allowed a nightly average of 70 homeless men, women and children to sleep on the pews of the town's draughty, damp church. A similar number spent each night huddled inside their tiny East European cars outside the gates of the former military barracks.

Now Hubka has asked the refugees to return to the streets or to crowd into a spartan government waiting room recently opened outside the camp, in an effort to get the Austrian authorities to acknowledge the problem.

"The government has to clarify its position. If they have decided not to let everyone in anymore then they must admit it," she said.

Hubka and Amnesty International human rights workers in Vienna say the government has barred people from the camp in an attempt to deter other refugees from coming to Austria.

Austria's Interior Ministry, proud of the international respect it won for its generosity to thousands of refugees leaving Hungary in 1956 and Poland in the early 1980s, denies turning away needy cases.

Processing
The human rights workers have also criticised a new rapid system of processing asylum applications introduced in March. The authorities said this was vital to stem a recent flood of would-be emigrants who cannot qualify for refugee status.

"Austria simply can't be a waiting room for rich emigration countries," ministry spokesman Karl Newole told Reuters.

"It's a nice idea — but we just

can't do it."

While traditional emigration countries such as the United States, Canada and Australia have pared their refugee intake in the past 10 years, the number of "Eastern Europeans" arriving at Traiskirchen has swelled dramatically since January when Austria scrapped entry visas for Poles and Hungarians, and Hungary lifted most restrictions on foreign travel.

More than 10,000 new asylum seekers arrived in Austria by late July, compared with 4,700 in the same period last year. Austria currently houses about 16,000 refugees at a daily cost of 170 schillings (\$13) per head.

According to the Interior Ministry, only a tiny proportion of the new arrivals are actually fleeing political persecution and are therefore entitled to asylum under the terms of the 1954 Geneva Convention.

The rest, the ministry says, simply wish to improve their standard of living and are technically emigrants.

In the past all asylum seekers arriving in Austria would be accommodated in a state-funded camp or guest house while their applications were checked — a process which could take up to two years.

Since the new system was introduced in March, new arrivals at the camp are handed a leaflet urging them to think again.

Those who do register in application for asylum are interviewed — as in the past — by uniformed policemen with the help of interpreters, but their applications are processed within a matter of days.

People whose applications are rejected — about 90 per cent — are given a train ticket home. Newole says the rapid system is merely a more efficient way of coping with large numbers of people who have no chance of being granted asylum. Genuine political refugees would not be turned away.

Quick
But according to Vienna-based lawyer Eva-Maria Barki, who handles legal cases for Amnesty, the system is too quick and insensitive to the fact that East Bloc refugees are unlikely to trust uniformed officials.

"This type of rapid processing really means rapid rejection. In terms of time it just isn't possible to look at every case thoroughly," Barki told Reuters. Amnesty International director Wolfgang Aigner acknowledges that the flood of new refugees poses problems for Austria but says that people are being made to suffer unnecessarily.

"People are being turned away (from the camp) when we know there are over 100 beds available," he said, adding that Amnesty has made several complaints to the Interior Ministry.

Pinochet retains power despite his defeat

By Daniel Drosdoff

SANTIAGO, Chile. (UPI): Despite his humiliating defeat in a plebiscite, aging Chilean strongman Gen. Augusto Pinochet retains vast powers that could make him a political force to the end of the century.

A military-sponsored constitution, approved in a disputed referendum in 1980, stipulates that if the 72-year-old Pinochet wants to remain as Army commander, the strongest branch of Chile's armed forces, he may do so for eight years after his presidential term expires on March 11, 1999.

He may not be removed unless there is a decision made to that effect by a National Security Council, four of whose seven members will be Pinochet appointees.

If he elects to retire from the Army, he will be eligible for a lifetime seat in the Senate, which will have a strong contingent of conservatives loyal to him.

Smart
"I don't think he's through," a Western diplomat said of Pinochet's future after 55 per cent of the electorate voted "no" in the Oct 5 plebiscite. "He's too smart and clever not to be able to rebound."

The diplomat said one of the tenacious general's best political skills, which have kept him in office for 15 years, was "to keep everybody guessing."

The opposition, a loose coal-

ition of Christian Democrats, Socialists, and independents, is demanding that the authoritarian constitution — imposed by the military junta following a plebiscite in 1980 — be reformed and that Pinochet resign immediately.

The opposition wants to either eliminate or reduce the powers of the National Security Council and military commanders, and they want to eliminate a constitutional clause that could be used to banish left-wing parties, including the powerful communists, from legally organizing.

Pinochet so far has rebuffed resignation and has been inflexible about reforming the constitution prior to presidential and congressional elections scheduled for December 1999.

Amendments
The new congress can adopt constitutional amendments, but to do so it needs to muster a three-fifths majority in both the chamber of deputies and the Senate.

The main obstacle will be the 35-member Senate, where not only Pinochet but at least four other retired officers will hold seats.

"This simply means that for constitutional reform to be accomplished, there will have to be a political agreement by those parties holding 60 per cent of the seats," Hermogenes Perez de Arce, a constitutional lawyer who is an adviser to the military junta, said in a telephone interview.

Departure of peace-keeping force will not solve Sri Lanka's problems

Presidential candidates want Indian troops out

By Dalton de Silva

COLOMBO, (Reuters): Sri Lanka's two rival presidential candidates have one thing in common — they both want the 50,000 Indian troops on the island to go home.

But diplomats and analysts say the departure of the Indian Peace-Keeping Force (IPKF) will not resolve the island's ethnic conflict, which has killed nearly 10,000 people over the past five years.

Instead, it could make matters worse on the Indian Ocean island unless the winner of the December election can strike a deal with Tamil guerrillas in the north and east as well as with Marxist Sinhalese rebels in the south.

"If by the time I am elected president the Indian forces have not left, I shall ensure that they are withdrawn," said Prime Minister Ranasinghe Premadasa, the

ruling United National Party's candidate.

"I will ask the Indian troops to go when I am elected president," said his arch rival, former Prime Minister Sirima Bandaranaike of the opposition Freedom Party.

Abrogate
"If either leader unilaterally abrogates the agreement... the consequences would be both tragic and unpredictable," said Jyotindra Nath Dixit, the Indian High Commissioner in Sri Lanka.

Indian troops started landing in northern Sri Lanka on July 30, 1987, hours after Sri Lankan President Junius Jayewardene and Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi signed a controversial pact aimed at ending a revolt by the island's minority Tamil community.

At the time the accord was signed — amid violent protests by

the opposition — five major militant Tamil groups were fighting Sri Lankan troops to set up an independent state in the north and east, where most Tamils live.

The peace pact sought to disarm the guerrillas and withdraw Sri Lankan troops to barracks and set up semi-autonomous provincial councils giving Tamils powers to rule their areas.

Premadasa wants to renegotiate the pact with India. Bandaranaike's Freedom Party and the Sinhalese Marxist People's Liberation Front are leading a campaign against the pact, describing it as a sell-out to India.

They are against the presence of Indian troops, the merger of the northern and eastern provinces and the devolution of semi-autonomous powers to the Tamils under the accord.

The pact has not worked as planned because of the intrans-

signance of the dominant guerrilla group, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE).

All the Tamil groups at first accepted the pact and an uneasy quiet descended on the strife-torn north and east. Barely five weeks later, the Tigers rejected it.

The IPKF, sent to supervise the implementation of the accord, launched a military operation in October last year against the Tigers.

The Indian soldiers, who had been hailed by the Tamils as "our protectors and saviours" when they landed, were fighting the guerrillas whom India had fostered.

The troops destroyed many heavily fortified guerrilla camps, captured several hundred rebels and seized a large quantity of arms and ammunition.

The Indian High Commissioner said 600 Indian soldiers had been killed and about 1,600

wounded in action in Sri Lanka up to early October this year.

The Tigers said 319 of its fighters had died in battles with Indian troops up to Oct 5 this year.

"We have broken the back of the Tigers," Dixit said.

"Although the LTTE strength has been reduced, they still remain a very effective guerrilla force able to cause considerable civilian and Indian casualties," a Western diplomat said.

Ironically, many Tamils also now want the Indian troops to leave. They accuse the soldiers of killing civilians and torturing prisoners.

Amnesty International, the human rights organisation, has also accused Indian soldiers of torture, deaths and disappearance of people held in their custody in Sri Lanka.

Dixit said: "Wherever there have been specific reports

(against the IPKF) we have investigated each case and if the charges have been found to be true, action has been taken against them under the military laws."

"The IPKF has acted with discipline and restraint," he added. A diplomat said: "Although some Tamils complain against the Indian troops, deep down in their hearts they fear about their safety if the IPKF leaves and Sri Lankan troops return."

He said that if the IPKF withdrew, whoever came to power would have to seek an agreement with the Tigers, which would also satisfy the Sinhalese. The Sinhalese form 74 per cent of the population.

"The fundamental dilemma facing any government here is that it is very difficult to find a solution to the north and east without exacerbating the problem in the south," he said.

WHICH IS MORE DANGEROUS?



Indian Airlines under attack

By Malcolm Davidson

NEW DELHI, (Reuters): Two air crashes that claimed 164 lives in the worst day in Indian domestic aviation history on Wednesday have put the country's internal airline system in the spotlight, aviation experts say.

Indian Airlines, which operated the Boeing 737 that crashed in Ahmedabad in western India, was already under attack with complaints about delayed flights and poor service.

Five of the 135 people aboard the aircraft survived the disaster but all 34 crew and passengers on a Vayudoot Fokker Friendship perished when it crashed in north-eastern Assam.

Indian Airlines, the main domestic carrier, flies more than 28,000 passengers between 71 destinations in India and neighbouring countries each day.

Attacked
But in all analysis of the state-owned airline this week, the authoritative India Today magazine attacked its "endless delays, sloppy service."

"As a result of this (crash) they are going to have to look very seriously at the industry," said a senior executive of an international airline operating out of India.

"Indian Airlines suffers from the normal affects of a monopoly. Their customer services tends to be sloppy," said the executive, who asked not to be named.

By Jeremy Wagstaff

BANGKOK, (Reuters): The Burmese people, exhausted by months of political turmoil and harassed by Army press-gangs, are beginning to worry more about survival than the ideal of democracy, Western diplomats and residents in Rangoon said.

"More and more people are having second thoughts and saying that maybe multi-party democracy is not the thing for them," said one Western ambassador, contacted from Bangkok.

With 21 parties formed since the military takeover on Sept 18, the spectre of unfocused, feeble rule, which characterised the last attempt at multi-party democracy 26 years ago, is rising, diplomats said.

Harassment

At the same time, the daily hunt for essential supplies and relentless pressure by the military has undermined the struggle for democracy by hundreds of thousands who demonstrated in the last six months, demanding an end to the Socialist government.

The most immediate harassment is now the roving Army units picking up young men in the streets by day and from homes by night, and taking them to work as porters in the frontline

named. The much smaller Vayudoot, also state-owned, is a feeder airline which does not really compete for traffic.

Frequent flyers often complain of cramped seating, long delays, unexplained diversions and poor food on Indian Airlines.

Utilization

Each aircraft is operated intensively and the airline has one of the highest utilization levels in the world, said spokesman A.K. Vasisht. But if something goes wrong its affects tend to snowball throughout the network.

A series of mishaps in the past few months has created havoc with schedules and raised tempers among passengers forced endure waits that can stretch many hours.

Vasisht said that between July and September there were 45 bird strikes at Indian airports, the worst putting a jet out of action for several days.

The airline's reputation was not helped in June when the pilot of a Boeing 737 forgot to lower the landing gear on his aircraft before touching down at New Delhi airport.

Nobody was badly hurt, but it was the second such incident since the beginning of 1995.

The international airline executive said Indian Airlines had a good safety record despite its shortcomings.

Tired Burmese lose urge for democracy

of the war against ethnic guerrillas.

The government said the crackdown, in which it conceded more than 1,000 people have been rounded up, is aimed at reducing crime in the capital. But diplomats believe the arrests are to provide manpower for the war and to frighten people.

Families who discover members have been sent to the border are sometimes able to buy them back for a "ransom" of up to 1000 kyats (\$170 the official rate) if they can find them, one diplomat said.

Hide

"Everybody now is trying to hide," one diplomat contacted by telephone said. "Soldiers just go from house to house and pick people up and take them away."

An ambassador said: "It's a combination of two things — slave labour up on the frontier where you're kept for a couple of months and you're likely to die of malaria or be blown up by a mine, and being sold back for pocket money for the troops."

"With the network that they have they do a pretty good job of keeping it all together, particularly with the facilities that they have," he said.

Another airline executive was not so complimentary, arguing the carrier was suffering a deep malaise.

"They are terribly mismanaged particularly in maintenance, control of their maintenance, engineering and scheduling and performance control for their cockpit crew," said this executive, who also asked not to be named.

There is no indication that maintenance had anything to do with the Boeing 737 crash at Ahmedabad.

"The consumer has no choice," he said. "I think the main problem is because it is a monopolistic organisation and it is a government organisation. You do not get terminated unless you have responsibility for someone's death or for a major loss."

Vasisht said the airline's capacity problem should begin to ease with the induction by the end of the year of four leased Boeing 737s. The first 19 Airbus A320s on order should be delivered next May.

Acknowledging difficulties, he said: "We do have a shortage of capacity. That is the most important thing. When we get over this most of our problems will go away."

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Israeli Army's stone-throwing casualties begin in training

By Bernard Edinger

TEL AVIV, (Reuters): Some Israeli soldiers preparing for duty in the West Bank and Gaza Strip are injured by stone-throwers even before they set foot in the occupied territories.

"We need to give them a feel for the situation so we split them up alternatively into 'rioters' and soldiers," said the commander of the base where most troops going to the West Bank get their final training.

"The 'rioters' are directed to throw stones and the others to fire tear gas, so unfortunately we have injuries but I can't give you figures," said the officer, a 36-year-old colonel. The Army prohibited publication of personal details about him or his base's location.

"It's a fact of life that there is no serious training for combat that goes without risk," the officer told a reporter who asked to see troops training to confront the Palestinian uprising in which more than 300 Arabs and six Israelis have died since last December.

Brutality
Israel is under severe international criticism for the conduct of its soldiers in the occupied areas, with human rights groups accusing them of excessive brutality.

"We mostly handle trained reservists going for a month or so

to the (occupied) territories who need two or three days to learn to handle special equipment like tear gas and rubber bullets," the base commander said. Western military experts say the time is far too short to allow training in tactics that will soon be learned in the field.

Asked about recently introduced, controversial plastic bullets, he winced and, turning to an Army press officer, said in Hebrew: "What does the Defence Ministry say? That's what I say."

The plastic bullets, potentially lethal at less than 70 yards (metres), are Israel's latest innovation after marble-firing cannon and other gadgets aimed at halting riots with fewer dead.

Killed

Palestinian doctors say half a dozen people have been killed by plastic bullets.

The colonel said there was only limited value in marble and rock-shooting devices on heavy vehicles unable to manoeuvre in narrow streets.

He stressed marksmanship and, alluding to a policy of going for riot leaders, pointed to his knees: "Orders are to shoot below here."

Asked about wooden clubs he said: "Yes, we train with them but in practice they are no longer used in the field." He said orders were to avoid blows to the head.

The visit included watching a briefing for several dozen reserve officers of avoiding run-ins with the press.

Red-eyed from lack of sleep due to long training hours, they sat on wooden benches in dusty combat fatigues with M-16 rifles at their feet to listen to the base commander and the Army chief spokesman.

Mature

The base commander said reservists were often best at handling tense situations because they were "more mature and less rash than young national servicemen."

Some reservists returning from tours of duty later write to newspapers to complain at conduct of fellow soldiers, although opinion polls show most Israelis want the Army to take an even tougher stance.

One man wrote after duty in Gaza that captured stone-throwers "would be punched, kicked, cut and generally brutalised, often after being blindfolded and having their hands tied."

The base commander commented: "We teach our men to be aggressive but they are forbidden to beat prisoners. It's true there are exceptions but when this happens our officers are also trained to calm down hothouses."

Some younger officers criticised the media. "They always focus on beatings taking place here," said one lieutenant.

Namibia and Mandela open doors for Botha abroad

By Brendan Boyle

PRETORIA, (Reuters): President P.W. Botha arrived home to bands and banners on Sunday, after proving in a rare 10 days away from home that South Africa is not entirely without friends.

But it has taken years of behind-the-scenes diplomacy, the prospect of Namibian independence and hints of freedom for imprisoned black nationalist leader Nelson Mandela to open doors for Botha in Africa and Europe.

Political analysts question whether Botha can sustain the momentum.

He has now visited seven countries in six weeks, travelling almost as many miles as he had throughout his previous 10 years as head of South Africa's white-ruled government.

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the willingness to discuss Mandela's release has helped a lot, too," he said.

But a government source, diplomats and a friend of Foreign Minister P.W. Botha have told Reuters that President Botha's travels were the fruit of almost a decade of secret diplomacy.

"The man he really has to thank for all this is Glen Babb, one source said in a reference to a former ambassador to Canada who is now a key member of Pretoria's ice-breaking team.

Babb, a veteran of missions in France and Italy, has been travelling throughout Africa since at least 1979.

This year he has scarcely spent a day in his office while South Africa sought agreement with Angola and Cuba, whose troops back Luanda's forces against South African-backed rebels. Pretoria has linked a Cuban withdrawal to Namibian independence.

"While everyone else was trying to get positioned in front of the television cameras, Babb was

actually doing the work," said one former colleague.

"He has been all over the place: Ivory Coast, Niger, Togo, Zaire, the Central African Republic, Zambia," the source said.

A government source said Babb had made friends throughout Africa: "You should see the greetings he gets... it's broad smiles and a lot of back-slapping."

Foreign friends have helped South Africa, too, in its quest for acceptance in capitals beyond the four nominally independent tribal homelands Pretoria has created.

Strauss was a frequent visitor who championed Botha's programme of limited and gradual race-law reforms.

Another friend is a mysterious French diplomat who helped last year to arrange a highly-publicised prisoner exchange involving Cuba, Angola, the Netherlands, France and the rebel National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA).

TODAY IN HISTORY

1492 — England's King Henry VIII begins siege of Boulogne in France.

1721 — Peter the Great takes title of Czar of all Russia.

1859 — Spain declares war on Moors in Morocco.

1862 — Garrison in Athens, Greece, revolts, forcing King Otto I to resign.

1873 — Emperors of Germany, Russia and Austria-Hungary form alliance.

1952 — Iran breaks diplomatic relations with Britain over oil dispute.

1953 — France grants independence to Indochina kingdom of Laos.

1956 — Demonstrations in Hungary call for democratic government.

1962 — President John F. Kennedy orders US air and naval forces to quarantine Cuba after concluding that Soviet missile bases are being built on that island.

44-year-old rock star mesmerises Australian fans

Jagger appeals to young and old

SYDNEY, (Reuters): British rock superstar Mick Jagger is mesmerising Australian audiences with a series of solo concerts after a quarter of a century as the lead singer of the Rolling Stones.

Performing live for the first time in six years, the 44-year-old Jagger is proving he can still electrify a crowd.

Australia is the second country on Jagger's first solo tour. Backed by a six-piece band, he also visited Japan, and after Australia, will perform in Indonesia and New Zealand.

"The problem for me was doing a show after six years, not that there were different musicians on stage with me," Jagger said after a concert.

"I'm a singer for a living," he said. "That's what I do and I don't think about how difficult or easy it might be. I'm still

doing the same thing." Jagger's five shows at the 12,000-seat Sydney Entertainment Centre were sold out.

Struck
The audience shrieked as he strutted across the stage, belting out 27 songs — many from his Rolling Stone days — in an energetic two-and-a-half-hour set. He also performed six songs from his two recent solo albums.

The climax of the show came when he vanished from the stage and reemerged from middle of the audience with the old Stones favourite "Gimme Shelter".

Many in the audience were not even born when Jagger began his career with the Rolling Stones in 1963. The superstar said he was thrilled to see so many young faces.

"Their parents or ... older

brothers and sisters tell them about the Stones, or they've heard the records and just come along to check it out," Jagger said. "The first-time audience is what makes the concert."

Prancing before a simple backdrop made to resemble a junkyard — old tyres, crates and a diesel pump — Jagger proved the formula for a successful show need not include lasers and other gimmicks.

Evaded
Speaking backstage, Jagger evaded questions on whether the Stones would ever tour again.

"We are talking about it for 1989," was his only comment. The band's last tour was Europe in 1982. Since then, they have re-united only to produce two albums, play at a few presentations and at a memorial concert for an old

friend, Keith Richards, another Stones member, has just released a solo album entitled "Talk Is Cheap".

"Rock 'n' roll in the 60s wasn't a business," said Jagger. "It was a rip-off."

"Obviously, there are people you need for financial planning and advice, but in those days managers were like, well, you didn't ask questions and you didn't get answers," he said.

In 1969, the Stones became one of the first groups to run their own business affairs.

"Things have changed to a large extent and rock 'n' roll is an industry now, unlike those days when it was like a cottage craft," Jagger said.

Jagger is accompanied on tour by American girlfriend model Jerry Hall, who is using her first visit to Australia to promote swimwear.



Mick Jagger: no lasers, no gimmicks, just pure rock 'n' roll

Whitney Houston tops UK charts

LONDON, (AP): Whitney Houston topped the top of the British pop singles record chart this week with One Moment in Time. The disc was in second place a week ago.

Bobby McFerrin and his easy-going melody Don't Worry Be Happy slipped back to number two from first place, while D. Mob shot into number three from off the charts with their hit We Call It Aced.

Three others making their first appearance in this week's top 10 were Enya with Orinoco Flow in a tie for third, up from No. 22; the Christians in eighth place with Harvest for the World, up from 15th; Kim Wilde with Never Trust A Stranger in 10th, up from No. 19.

Top Ten UK
This week's top 10 singles, as listed by Our Price Music Ltd., the national music retail chain, with last week's placings in parentheses:

1. (2) One Moment in Time — Whitney Houston (Arista).
2. (1) Don't Worry Be Happy Bobby McFerrin (Manhattan).
3. (—) We Call It Aced — D. Mob (London).
3. (22) Orinoco Flow — Enya (Wea).
5. (8) Wee Ruler — Wee Papa Girl Rappers (Jive).
6. (9) A Little Respect — Erasure (Mute).
7. (5) Teardrops — Womack and Womack (Fourth and Broadway).
8. (15) Harvest for the World — The Christians (Island).
9. (10) She Wants to Dance With Me — Rick Astley (RCA).
10. (19) Never Trust A Stranger — Kim Wilde (MCA).

And in New York, Groovy Kind of Love lifted Phil Collins to the top of the single pop record charts in the United States. The disc was in fourth place a week ago.

Red Wine by UB40 slipped from the number one position to second spot on the Cash Box magazine chart. Information Society's What's On Your Mind (Pure Energy) hopped into third place from fifth last week.

Last week's number two hit,

Love Bites by Def Leppard, toppled to ninth position.

Soaring onto the top 10 list — in 4th place from 12th a week ago — was Wild, West by the Escape Club. Making an even greater leap was Kokomo by the Beach Boys.

Top Ten US
The top 10 pop singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (4) Groovy Kind of Love — Phil Collins (Atlantic).
2. (1) Red Wine — UB40 (A and M).
3. (5) What's On Your Mind (Pure Energy) — Information Society (Tommy Boy).
4. (12) Wild, West — The Escape Club (Atlantic).
5. (8) Don't You Know What The Night Can Do? — Steve Winwood (Virgin).
6. (15) Kokomo — The Beach Boys (MCA).
7. (13) Don't Be Cruel — Bobby Brown (MCA).
8. (3) Don't Be Cruel — Cheap Trick (Epic).
9. (2) Love Bites — Def Leppard (Mercury-Polygram).
10. (22) Bad Medicine — Bon Jovi (Mercury-Polygram).

The top 10 country-western singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (5) Gonna Take a Lot of River — The Oak Ridge Boys (MCA).
2. (4) Darlene — T. Graham Brown (Capitol).
3. (3) Button of My Shirt — Ronnie Milsap (RCA).
4. (7) Summer Wind — The Desert Rose Band (MCA — Curb).
5. (9) Runaway Train — Rosanne Cash (Columbia).
6. (8) Blue To The Bone — Sweethearts of the Rodeo (Columbia).
7. (1) Strong Enough To Bend — Tanya Tucker (Capitol).
8. (10) Saturday Night Special — Conway Twitty (MCA).
9. (11) New Shade of Blue — Southern Pacific (Warner Brothers).
10. (13) What Do You Want From Me This Time — Foster and Lloyd (RCA).

Compact discs become collector's item

MUSIC LOVERS who bought compact discs in order to appreciate the delights of Debussy or a Mark Knopfler guitar solo have also found that their new toy can turn a tidy profit.

Limited editions, singles and special promotional compact discs have been changing hands for four times their original value, sometimes more. Not bad for a form of musical entertainment that only became generally available in this country in 1982.

Christie's South Kensington included two compact disc lots in their sale of pop memorabilia in August. Three limited edition Beatles albums — the White Album, Yellow Submarine and Sergeant Pepper — sold for £80, more than twice their original price when they went on sale in CD format just over a year earlier.

Surprised

A boxed set of the first four Beatles' albums, the first of the group's recordings to be offered on compact disc, went for £140 at the same auction.

This limited edition of 2,500 sets first went on sale in HMV record stores in February, 1987 for £47.99 p.

"We were surprised at how quickly it sold and became a collector's item," said Malcolm McGlynn, assistant marketing manager for HMV, "but, having said that, with a band like the Beatles, collectors must have been picking over the same stuff for the last 15 or 20 years."

According to Mark Paytress, assistant editor of Record Collector, the first Beatles' boxed set has sold privately for anything up to £225. Most compact disc collectors conduct their business via small ads.

"Some of the compact disc singles have turned out to be the most valuable. Robert Palmer's I Didn't Mean to Turn You On, which came out in the summer of 1986, originally sold for about £4 and is now worth about £40."

Another profitable area has been promotional discs put out by record companies for radio station use and containing live material not generally released. Most were issued in America.

"There is a Pink Floyd set of two discs, which would have originally been sent out to radio stations free by MCA, which now sells for £300," said Paytress.

The Dire Straits' album Brothers in Arms sold for £10-12 when it first became available on compact disc and now changes hands for £100 but the price originally rose to £150-200 before falling again — a salutary lesson for those think-

ing of investing in compact discs purely for financial gain.

Record companies can also affect the collectability of a disc by reissuing. "This has happened in a number of cases," said Rob Haigh, sales controller at the Virgin megastore in Oxford Street, London.

HMV has been increasing the size of its limited editions on successive Beatles boxed sets, which in turn must affect collectability. The second box

set, including Help!, Rubber Soul, and Revolver, was limited to 5,000 copies. Originally sold for £35.99 p, the current collector's price is nearer £100.

The Sergeant Pepper box was limited to 15,000 copies and HMV recently put out a new box set of all 15 Beatles' compact discs for a price of £215. Of the limited edition of 10,000, some 2,000 have been sold.

It is also worth bearing in

mind that compact discs are considerably tougher than traditional records. The fact that they don't scratch like vinyl and come in plastic cases, not cardboard sleeves, means more of them are likely to survive into the next century, which is bound to reduce their value.

They certainly have a long way to go before they have the collectability or established market of old records. This summer's pop sale at Christie's South Kensington also included a set of two double-sided acetates of Beatles tracks which went under the hammer for £2,000.

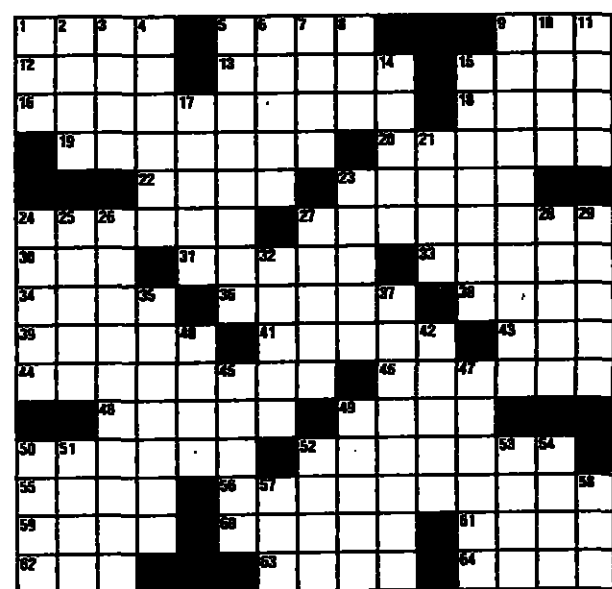
Phillips sold a recording of three unreleased tracks that the Rolling Stones made for an EMI audition in 1962 for £6,000.

"In CDs, the ones that are worth any money are one-offs, promotional releases, limited editions, some singles and CD releases that are not available on record," said Andrew Milton, Phillips' rock and pop specialist.



The Beatles' boxed sets now command three times their original value

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
1. Imitated
 5. Consumer
 9. Nos. person
 12. Instrument for Erato
 13. Olympic star
 15. Sourpuss
 16. Russian fare
 18. Superior
 19. Certain English schoolboy
 20. Senator
 22. Campus figure
 23. Scouting equipment
 24. They usually have a cause
 27. Fastens
 30. RF notice
 31. month
 33. Slowpoke
 34. Warren females
 36. Takes a chance
 38. Angel, in Avignon
 39. Reconcile
 41. Used a stop watch
 43. Quaker pronoun
 44. Traffic stopper
 46. Bantering
 48. Terms in math
 49. Focusing device
 50. American Revolutionary general
 52. Card game
 53. Sign in the theatre
 56. Dieter's fare
 59. Mythical birds
 60. Running wild
 61. Comedienne
 62. Annoy
- DOWN**
1. Ecclesiastical wear
 2. Ernie, the GI's friend
 3. Part of QED
 4. Unscramble
 5. Showing no partiality
 6. Flexible, plastic resin
 7. Anthony — Earl of Avon
 8. Inlet
 9. French fare
 10. Item used by glaziers
 11. Explorer
 14. Venomous viper
 15. Place to eat
 16. Mexican style
 17. Genueflected
 21. Pismires
 23. Clan symbol
 24. M.A.'S'H role
 25. West
 26. Italian fare
 27. Deserve
 28. Number in a shell
 29. Weavers' reads
 32. Health resorts
 35. Supports, in medicine
 37. Secular cantata
 40. Turner
 42. Mr. Chips' star
 45. Bud of a sort
 47. Arrange
 49. Unions
 50. Beautiful girl
 51. Caesar's wife
 52. One of the Muses
 53. Bearded wild goat
 54. Off the coast
 57. Fish-eater
 58. Type of dancer

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

DEARE SHE LENA
IDLES BEAS ECOL
BEGET OPTS ALIA
SNAKE IN THE GRASS
EDNA NANTES
PLASMA HEM
AURA HARE MARES
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HEGEL TARP EBAN
IDS ASSENT
ASSUME SORE
SLIPPERY AS ANEEL
SONS PUNT DOBIE
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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
THE BEST OFFENSE IS ...

North-South vulnerable. West deals.

NORTH
♠ K Q 6 3
♥ J 3
♦ A Q 10 8
♣ K 4

EAST
♠ A 10 4
♥ K 8 5
♦ 7 6 5 3 2
♣ A J 2

SOUTH
♠ 8 7
♥ A Q 10 7 6 2
♦ K 4
♣ 9 7 3

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass 1 NT Pass 4 ♠
Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead: Two of ♠

If, lately, we've looked rather bleary-eyed in the mornings, it's because we've been burning the midnight oil reading Frank Stewart's "The Bridge Player's Comprehensive Guide to Defense" (Dodd Mead & Company, 404 pp., paperback, \$12.95. Available post free from The Bridge World, 39 W. 94th St., New York, N.Y. 10025, if you mention this column). The problems, of varying degrees of difficulty, are all

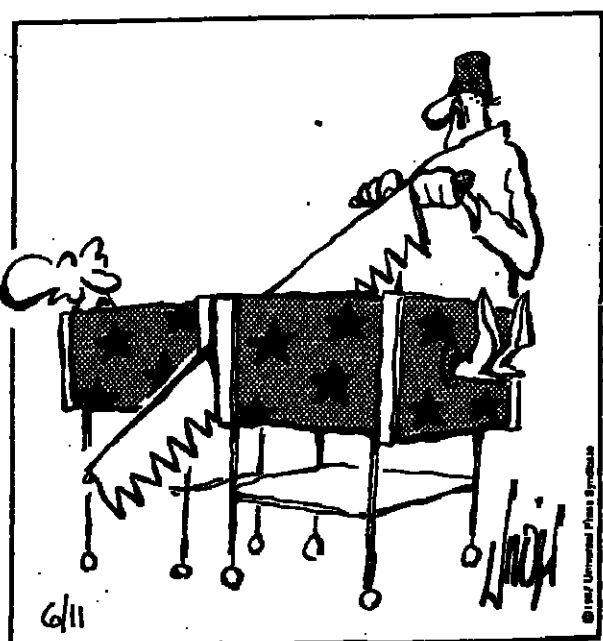
testing. The book is well-organized and informative, and comprehensively covers the whole spectrum of defensive tactics.

To simulate the way the problems are presented in the book, cover the West and South hands and decide how you, as East, would defend against four hearts after partner's low spade opening lead is covered by dummy's queen. You win the ace. What next?

Partner must have at least one trump trick to give the defense a chance. Since you can see that your side has no diamond tricks coming, you will probably need two club tricks if you are going to force declarer into submission. (Partner would probably have led a singleton diamond.)

You can accomplish your goal if partner has the ten of clubs; even the nine might do it, when you shift to a low club, declarer does not go in with the ten. So, at trick two you must shift to a low club. Success. Partner's ten fetches the table's queen. Now when he gains the lead with his trump trick, a club return through the board's king allows you to score two club tricks and set the contract.

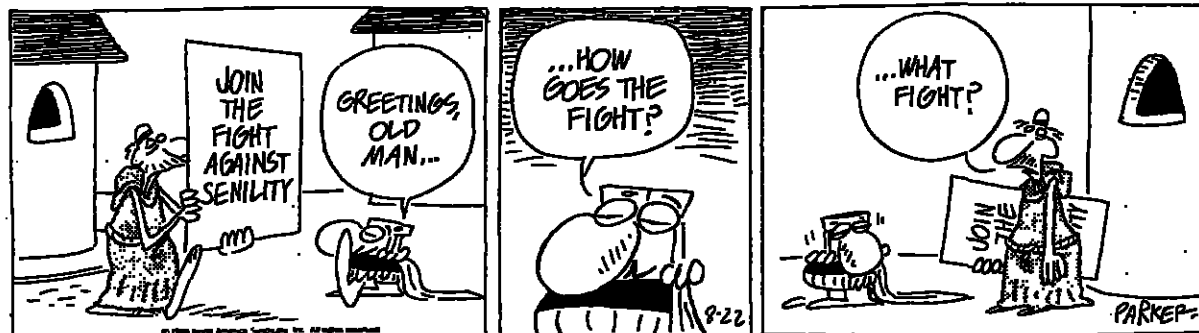
We must remember to get a few copies for our favorite partners!



"Hold on ... something's cutting into my side."

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS

Aries (March 20 - April 18)
Mars' influence will help you to take the initiative. You will be able to clear up a misunderstanding. Something you have learned recently will come in most useful. Be bold.

Taurus (April 19 - May 19)
You will be able to spend the day in pleasant company. A personal project of yours will make very good progress. You should consider a good idea carefully. Be sincere.

Gemini (May 20 - June 20)
You will be in a better mood but something may happen to dispel it. You should not take too much for granted. Allow plenty of time for traffic jams. Be attentive.

Cancer (June 21 - July 21)
The prospects in all respects are really good. However you should not underestimate or ignore the difficulties. Make sure you do not get into anyone's way. Avoid eating too many sweet things. Be lucid.

Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)
Mercury's favourable influence will help you to stay out of trouble. However, you must make sure you do not get into anyone's way. Do not allow work to predominate your life. Be observant.

Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)
The Moon's less favourable influence will tend to make you less sure of yourself. You should do your utmost to avoid getting into an argument. You should not forget something that your partner has asked you to do.

Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22)
There is no reason for you to lose faith in yourself. You should not get into the habit of relying on others to do things for you. Have a good laugh at yourself and put a smile on your face. Be lenient.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)
You have every reason to hold your head high. You will have something to be really pleased about. Avoid allowing a hobby to become too all-absorbing. Be firm.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)
You should avoid overruling yourself, but that does not mean being lazy. You will be able to deal with an old problem in a new way. Try not to let a complicated matter become even more involved. Be considerate.

Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19)
You will easily be able to overcome an obstacle you thought was going to be difficult. Venus' more favourable influence will help you with your personal relationships. Try to get out of a bad habit before it becomes one. Be tolerant.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)
You should not continue with something that could be having a bad effect on your health. Avoid undertaking repairs you are not quite sure about. Keep calm when dealing with someone rather aggressive. Be reasonable.

Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)
The Moon's less favourable influence should make you think once again before embarking on a course of action. You will feel a little dejected, and should consider the good rather than the bad things in your life.



Short story masters: (left to right) Seumas O'Kelly, Guy de Maupassant, George Moore, Anton Chekhov, James Joyce.

ON the surface at least the short story would appear to be particularly well suited to our times. It may be read at a sitting, as a film or a television programme is seen.

It may be approached without fear of tiresome time-consuming consequences — such as having repeatedly to plunge oneself into its world in order to reach a conclusion.

As in fashionable newspaper and magazine photography, it seeks to catch a revelatory moment. In short, it would seem to be an art-form for people in a hurry, which more or less everyone is in modern life.

Argument
This argument, often propounded, looks good on paper, but that's about it. If it contained any real truth the short-story writer would be doing rather better business than the novelist, and generally speaking this is not so.

From time to time, especially in England, it is suggested that the novel is dead. And from time to time there is vague talk about the "renaissance of the short story".

It is possible that the cossetting of the novel by literary prizes and best-seller lists may indeed be symptomatic of ill-health. But it is hardly likely that a rebirth of the shorter form is presently taking place, since rebirth suggests a demise that has not occurred.

The short story — never as popular in England as elsewhere — simply continues. It has been particular at home in Russia, America, Italy and Ireland — flourishing perhaps most notably during, or after, periods of suppression or unrest.

It is the art of the glimpse, more reminiscent of Impressionist and post-Impressionist

Telling tales in miniature

painting than of a masterpiece by, say, Bruegel or Ghirlandajo. Elizabeth Bowen called it a child of this century, and I believe she was right. Chekhov, and after him Joyce, then the Americans, were responsible for a literary revolution.

The Weaver's Grave by Seumas O'Kelly is one of the great short stories of this century. It tells of the search for the recently deceased Mortimer Hehir's allocated burial plot in a country graveyard called Cloon na Morav, the Meadow of the Dead: "The ground was billowy, grotesque. Several partially suppressed insurrections — a great thriving, worming, pushing and shoudering under the sod — had given it character."

A long tough growth of grass wired it from end to end. While the old weaver stiffens in his coffin the villagers argue and chatter; everyone knows where the place should be, but no-one can find it. The rights of the dead are precious, but the human story that develops within the theme has all to do with life.

First published in 1919, The Weaver's Grave belongs to its own past while anticipating what is to come: it is a unique example of the antique in the process of drifting into modernism. Deservedly, a radio adaptation of the story was awarded the Prix Italia in 1961.

Frank O'Connor once remarked that short stories often spring from an awareness of man's loneliness, and certainly it seems more natural to write briefly rather than at length about the failure of communication that breeds this kind of solitude. O'Connor might have added that short

Author William Trevor discusses the art of the short story and some of its best practitioners

stories are often, also, distant views of privacy, as is George Moore's Albert Nobbs (1922). It too, is of its time, a portrait of a waiter in a Dublin hotel, "a tall scraggy fellow with big hips sticking out, and a long thin throat."

He is the most dependable servant in the place, "no running around to public houses and coming back with the smell of whisky upon him; no rank pipe in his pocket; and most of all, no playing the fool with the maid-servants."

In fact, Albert Nobbs isn't Albert Nobbs at all. He is a woman who has decided to spend her life pretending to be a man — and what a confused rigmarole, that would have been, written 60 or so years later, murky with concern about sexual liberation! As it is, this long short story is perfect: an extraordinary calm of the imagination, page by page superbly well told.

Maupassant's *Boite de Saif* has haunted me, on and off, since I stumbled through it in French nearly 50 years ago.

The events it relates are too well known to require any reminder from me here, and in any case it is not the events that matter but the sure, harsh touch that knits together so many strands of human nature. Its truth is simple, like the decent fat woman of its title who happens, as well, to be a prostitute. As an exercise in cynicism, I cannot think it has

been bettered.

These stories are personal favourites. So is Chekhov's *The Lady with the Toy Dog*. It is probably not his best; nor is Joyce's *Two Gallants* in quite the same class as *The Dead*. Yet I still find as fresh as ever that image of a tall fair-haired young woman in a broad-rimmed hat, strolling along a quay, her white Pomeranian trotting at her heels.

And for me, Lenehan and Corley will for ever saunter down the hill of Rutland Square on a warm August evening. Lenehan will for ever order a plate of peas in that same dingy cafe and Corley display on the palm of his hand the sovereign he has persuaded a servant girl to steal for him. An intensity of passion is distilled until it hurts in the Chekhov story. It is the uncluttered sparseness of *Two Gallants* that lends it its cruel poignancy.

Katherine Mansfield spread herself in *At the Bay*, but the spread is tightly controlled, framed by sharply-drawn landscape and by time. Short stories need not have a plot but they must have a point.

Favourites
At the Bay is a long glimpse of a group of people, observed through the course of a day. When the day ends there is still something to know, and that is left to you; such speculation is an essential element in all good fiction, but more vital than ever when the fiction is short.

Stories become favourites for many reasons. In my own case, because I happen to be a short-story writer myself. I admire what works most subtly within the form — sustaining of a mood, the paring away of pleasantries in order to isolate



and emphasise, the serving of a bony structure. But, as always, people matter most. The throng of villagers in *The Weaver's Grave*, Albert Nobbs and Boule de Suif, the young woman of the quays, Lenehan and Corley, Mrs Harry Kemper of *At the Bay*; they are not all pleasant human beings, but they call you back, again and again.

There are stories I like as well as any of those I've referred to — by Frank O'Connor and Sean O'Faolain, John Updike, Ernest Hemingway, Scott Fitzgerald, Thomas Hardy, Somerset Maugham, Elizabeth Bowen, Flannery O'Connor, V.S. Pritchett and many others. None of the writers I have mentioned, except Chekhov and Hardy, wrote better in another medium: that, too, is an attraction, and there is pleasure in discovering for oneself the born short-story writer.

The novelist makes short stories out of the remnants left behind by his novels. The short-story writer occasionally turns into a novel that will not be glimpsed. His art has been called modest, he himself likened to a miniaturist. This is wholly to misunderstand his intent — to catch in an instant a complicated explosion of truth, to tell as little as he dares. On this dangerous ground you do not tread modestly.

Long-overdue recognition of Arabic literature

By Fatma Moussa Mahmoud

THOUGH most English readers had not heard of Naguib Mahfouz before the announcement of this year's winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature, no reader in the Arab world is at all surprised at the choice.

Mahfouz has been writing regularly and prolifically for almost half a century. His novels and short stories have long been part both of the mass culture imbibed by the average literate Arab (and even more widely popularised on celluloid) and the subject of debate and dissertations by intellectuals and academics.

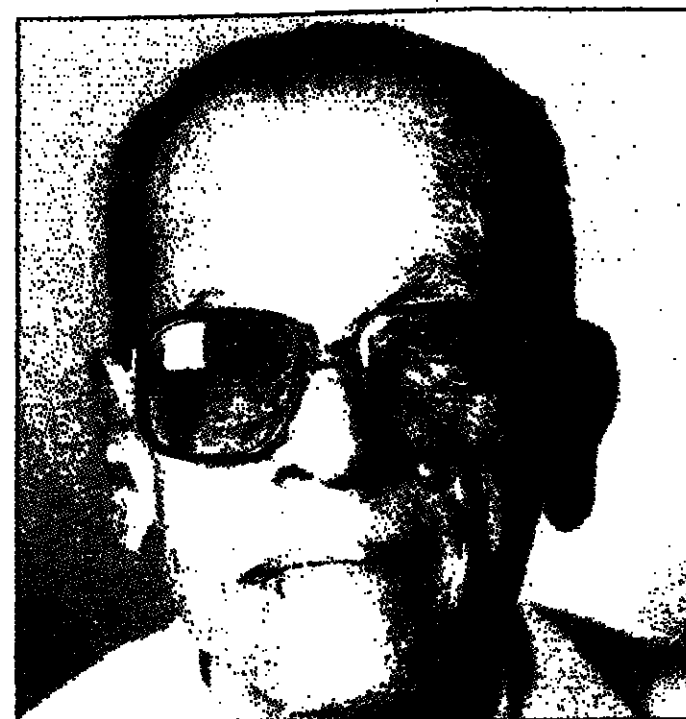
It is typical of this very private and modest man that his first comment on hearing of the award was: "It is a great honour. I was not even aware that I had been nominated."

His next immediate thought was for his predecessors: famous Arab writers, he said, who had taught him a great deal: Taha Hussein, Abbas El Aqqad and Tawfiq Al Hakim. They are all dead now — mercifully perhaps — for every member of our essentially "respectful" culture would have sympathised with Mahfouz' embarrassment had he got the prize while one of his mentors was neglected.

That having been said, however, it is doubtful whether any other Arab writer has achieved Mahfouz' scope and popular appeal.

The overwhelming feeling in the Arab world (apart from the few expected sour notes) is that the award is well-earned, if overdue. Mahfouz himself commented: "I thought the world had forgotten us," and in the Arab media there is a note of relief that this "breakthrough" may finally give the reading public in the West the chance to see for themselves that modern Arabic literature contains much that is of universal relevance and value.

We are all burdened by a sense of others' prejudices: the stock image of the backward Arab with his camels on the one



Naguib Mahfouz: I thought the world had forgotten us

hand, and the pompous moral tone of official Arabic so mercilessly and hilariously translated in the West on the other.

Some of Mahfouz' best novels have been available in English translations for over a decade now. But the author's shrewd conjecture that it must have been the publication in France last year of his *Trilogy* (his major work published in the Fifties) which finally attracted the attention of the Swedish judges to his work, rings painfully true.

Mahfouz is a child of Tolstoy, Balzac, Goldsworthy, Camus and Lawrence as well as of his own indigenous tradition.

His first novels, published between 1939 and 1944, had the work of Sir Walter Scott and Alexander Dumas as models: they were historical fictions set in the Egypt of Pharaohs but imbued with the modern nationalist quest for independence.

Then followed the group of eight works, written between 1945 and 1957, in which he turned his eyes and pen to the contemporary scene,

It is for these novels of social criticism, the last three of which comprise the *Trilogy*, that he is most widely known.

His later novels are more experimental and more exciting to the critic. In my view they are more daring — the vision more condensed. And the social criticism in them is more savage but it is less direct.

Mahfouz has often been compared to Dickens — probably by people who have never read Dickens. A more fitting comparison is with Graham Greene; like Greene, Mahfouz is a serious novelist who has been working at his craft all his life, who is so disciplined that even in old age he still publishes a novel every year, and who has a deep human sympathy for ordinary men — sinners all, but with buried heroic potential. There, however, the similarity ends. For Mahfouz has hardly ever travelled out of Egypt — indeed, has never (until his retirement) absented himself from his job as a civil servant in the Egyptian government — but has lived all his life as a Cairene, a liberal Muslim and a novelist.

Sympathetic insight on the creator of Frankenstein

By Jonathan Coe

AFTER her novels, it is easy to forget that Muriel Spark began her career as a critic of early nineteenth-century literature.

This book (previously entitled *Child Of Light*) was the first she ever published, back in 1951.

The recent appearance of an American printed edition is one of her reasons for revising and reissuing it: a better reason is that it is extremely good.

The authors of *Frankenstein* and *The Prime Of Miss Jean Brodie* (not novels which you would normally think of mentioning in the same breath) have several things in common, in particular an instinctive feminism tempered by conservatism, and a strong sense of the spiritual as located in the everyday (although Spark had not yet converted to Catholicism).

So the critical sections of this study, if not dazzling, are full of sympathetic insight: Spark rolls up her sleeves and gets on with the business of pointing out the virtues and defects of each of the major novels.

Nevertheless, I wish that

"substantial revisions" carried out "with all my best care" had been more substantial and more careful.

A paragraph has been hoped here and a new sentence added there: the flowery chapter headings from the original edition have gone. But although brief mention is made of the boom in Frankenstein criticism over the last 30 years, none of it is specifically discussed. Herbert Read is still referred to as a "recent critic" on the basis of an essay he wrote in 1946.

No interest is shown in the fact that, since this book was first published, feminist science fiction has flourished as a genre in ways which must owe something to Mary Shelley's influence.

Also, Spark's lively original introduction has been dropped, which is a shame and a mystery, since it remains relevant. Among other things it put forward the convincing argument that Mary Shelley had been neglected by chauvinist critics because she could not, unlike other female literary figures, be easily pigeonholed.

To prove her point, Spark presented this list of lazy

characterisations, which she called a "random jumble of literary feminology."

"Jane Carlyle was a fascinating shrew; Charlotte Bronte, a brave little person; Jane Austen kept her secret; Fanny Brawne was somewhat silly; Aphra Behn, a bad one; Mrs Gaskell knew everyone; and Elizabeth Barrett Browning came from Wimpole Street."

The biographical chapters were less in need of updating and still make up the more rewarding portion of the book. Spark quite rightly disapproves of "the sort of biography which states that 'X lay on the bed and watched the candle flickering on the roof beams,' when there is no evidence that X did so." It could be argued that much of her own writing is speculative, as when she suggests that, in response to an insensitive letter from her father, Mary "must have felt emotionally cheated, if rationally in credit," but objections are dismissed in the face of the sheer stylistic intelligence with which such interpretations are offered.

Only a writer with a use of language as commanding as Muriel Spark's could have



Frankenstein as he appears in films.

made so much of Mary Shelley's years of widowhood, the most heroic and the least well documented of her life.

In the description of her final days, the characterisation of her son and daughter-in-law feel vivid and fleshed-out in a way which belies their historical sketchiness, and which is identifiably the product of a novelist's imagination. I found myself thinking, in fact, what a good novel she could write on this subject.

Mary Shelley, by Muriel Spark (Constable, £14.95).

Booker Prize treads fine line between integrity and hype

By Deborah Telford

LONDON, Reuter: Britain's top literary award, the Booker Prize, enters its 20th year this month — treading a fine line between artistic integrity and the commercial hype which can push book sales to record levels.

Before television cameras, literary lights, publishers and top business people at London's lavish Guildhall on Oct 25, one of six shortlisted authors will receive the £15,000 (\$25,000) honour as well as a silent but certain guarantee of soaring sales.

"I think it's normally described as a 'glittering literary evening'," commented one of the organisers drily after running through a menu that includes smoked salmon, asparagus, hare, venison and an equally diverse guest list.

There's just a hair's breadth between it being a serious prize and one big hype. It's a matter of constant watch and care to make sure it doesn't cross that line," said Martyn Goff, who administers the prizes.

This year's list of finalists, bemoaned by literary critics as containing no surprises, includes only two authors who have not reached the final straight before.

They are travel writer Bruce Chatwin for his book *Uta* and Marina Warner for *The Lost Father*.

Two former winners, Indian-born Salman Rushdie who won in 1981 with *Midnight's Children*, and Penelope Fitzgerald, the 1979 winner with *Offshore*, are shortlisted with *The Satanic*

Britain's most prestigious literary award will be announced on October 25, and while the prize of £15,000 may not be much, the winner is guaranteed honour plus soaring sales for his or her book.

Verses and *The Beginning of Spring* respectively.

The Indian government banned *Satanic Verses* on October 5, after some members of parliament complained it was offensive to Islam because of the way it portrayed the religion's founder, the Holy Prophet Mohammed (PBUH).

British bookmakers' favourites are Australian Peter Carey for *Oscar and Lucinda* and David Lodge for *Nice Work*.

Former Labour Party leader Michael Foot, who is a historian and biographer, is chairing this year's panel of judges. It is considered one of the most literary for several years and includes novelist Rose Tremain, The Observer's literary editor Blake Morrison, and The Independent's literary editor, novelist Sebastian Faulks.

Books are entered by the author's publishers who may submit up to three novels which are scheduled to be published in the year running up to the awards.

Any full length novel, written in English by a citizen of the Commonwealth, the Republic of Ireland, Pakistan and South Africa is eligible.

Goff says sales of shortlisted books keep rising each year. "In England alone, the winner can count on 30,000 to 70,000

extra sales of hardback copies, and the finalists 10,000. Winners can usually depend on big contracts for the US book market as well as foreign language editions.

But Goff insists that despite growing publicity hype the prize retains its integrity — with the exception of one very big on-camera gaffe in 1984.

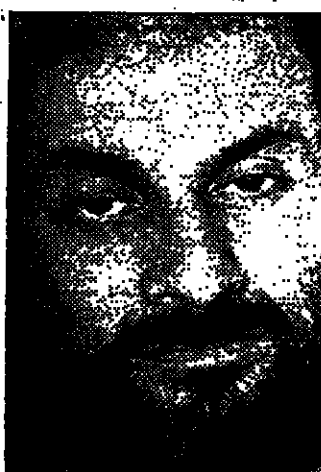
"That was the catastrophic year when a television commentator asked the judges' chairman, Fay Weldon, if she had read any of the books. She thought Weldon was a member of the public. It was a total farce," she Goff.

Since then, the prize's administration has taken much greater pains to see that television coverage maintains a slightly more scholarly tone.

Even so, some leading authors like Graham Greene have dismissed the Booker as an irrelevance from the start, refusing to enter since it began in 1969 as a British alternative to France's Prix Goncourt.

Booker PLC, which administers the prize, is an international food and agricultural business with interests ranging from poultry and seed breeding to forestry, farm and project management. It also holds the copyrights of authors Agatha Christie and Ian Fleming.

Until it inaugurated the prize Britain had no major literary award.



Salman Rushdie: Booker Prize nominee

One major British bookseller said the public was complaining that this year's shortlist was boring because all of the writers were established. "It's solid but lacks excitement," he said. Despite the criticism, publishers say the demand for the books is greater than ever.

Faber and Faber, the publishers of Carey's "Oscar and Lucinda" ran out of copies within 48 hours of the shortlist being published.

"More than 5,000 copies left the warehouse in that time. We usually don't run out for at least a week," Faber spokesman Mike McLennan said.

British bookmakers William Hill said punters want to begin betting as soon as the list is out. "I have to react instantly and make up my odds even before I've read the books," said spokesman Graham Sharpe.

"I'm reading them all bit by bit and starting to get a vague idea. I'm about a third of the way through all of them," said Sharpe, adding that he might change his odds after finishing the books but that reviews and the number of bets taken on each author were the main criteria for judging favourites.



FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

HIP PAIN COULD SIGNAL PROBLEM IN OTHER PARTS OF BODY

QUESTION: My son has been complaining of a pain in the area of his hip. He also seems to be limping slightly. What causes this in a child? What should I do for him?

ANSWER: Many problems lead to hip pain in children, and diagnosis is often difficult.

Sometimes hip pain can actually be a signal of a problem in another part of the body, such as the groin, thigh or the knee. Early recognition of the problem is important and the key to successful treatment.

The hip joint is the largest joint in the body. It is a ball and socket joint, with several ligaments, allowing extensive movement.

Hip problems in children first may present themselves as a painful limp.

One of the diseases that causes hip pain in youngsters ages 3 to 12 is Legg-Calve-Perthes Disease. In this disease, part of the hip actually wastes away, becomes absorbed by the body and is eventually regenerated. If this problem is caught early, deformity will be minimized and so will the resulting disability.

Another hip problem — slipped capital femoral epiphysis (movement of the growing portion of the bone) — occurs during the adolescent growth spurt, usually between the ages of 9 and 16.

Transient synovitis — which causes swelling and inflammation of the hip — and tuberculosis of the hip are also possible causes of your son's problem, and there are many more.

This is no condition to fool around with. Take your son to a doctor as soon as possible.

QUESTION: With all the mental and emotional changes that are said to take place as we age, it must be difficult to tell when a person has Alzheimer's Disease. It is important for me to know how doctors do diagnose Alzheimer's Disease.

ANSWER: Alzheimer's Disease accounts for more than half of all cases of dementia. Because there is no specific test that identifies this condition, the diagnosis is made by excluding other possibilities through a very complete and comprehensive medical and psychiatric evaluation. A

detailed history (including a complete inventory of all drugs the patient takes) and a thorough mental status examination are the most important components of the evaluation.

Symptoms of Alzheimer's include impaired intellectual functioning, memory loss, difficulty in recognizing or recalling the names of objects and impaired visual ability to distinguish the relationships of objects around us. Electroencephalogram (EEG) slowing also appears in the middle stages of the disease.

In addition, the diagnostic evaluation should include a neurological examination, a psychological assessment of the patient's environment, a number of lab tests and a CT scan. Six to 12 months after the initial evaluation, the patient should be retested. So you can see the process is a long and difficult one. The patient should be followed up until the physician has had the time necessary to make a diagnosis with reasonable certainty.

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ANDY CAPP



By Smith

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Emergency meeting not ruled out

Key ministers fail to reach accord on output quotas

MADRID, Oct 21, (UPI): OPEC secretary-general Subroto of Indonesia indicated today that key organisation officials have so far failed to agree on production quotas aimed at halting a plunge in prices and that more meetings will be called in coming weeks.

Subroto, in a brief press conference, said he did not rule out an emergency meeting of all 13 members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries before its scheduled conference on Nov 21.

He said OPEC's price and long-term strategy committees could continue their talks through Saturday but that "several more" meetings of the two were planned in coming weeks because of "the complexity of the situation."

Hopes

OPEC officials expressed hopes that the Madrid sessions, which started late Thursday, would produce a consensus on new oil output quotas.

Serious violations by OPEC members of their ceilings in recent months have caused a glut and sent prices dropping to two-year lows.

Subroto said the first session on Thursday reviewed market forecasts for 1989, which showed an increase in demand for OPEC oil.

He gave no date or venue for upcoming meetings of the two committees, whose eight member countries include OPEC's major producers, but said they might lead to an emergency meeting.

"If we can arrive at an agreement quick enough, that will give us a better chance to influence the market in the fourth quarter, before November 21," he said.

The eight oil ministers who form the two committees were to meet later today and again Saturday for a final session, Subroto said.

Oteiba optimistic about oil talks

RABAT, Oct 21, (Reuters): United Arab Emirates (UAE) Oil Minister Mansour bin Juma Al Oteiba said today he was optimistic about the outcome of the current OPEC talks in Madrid, billed by oil analysts as a make-or-break session to reinstate the organisation.

But he indicated that an extraordinary meeting of ministers of the 13-nation Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries might also be needed.

"I am optimistic the Madrid meeting will come up with concrete suggestions with regard to output ceiling and quotas," Oteiba told Reuters.

The Madrid talks, which opened on Thursday night, are being attended by ministers from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Nigeria, Indonesia, Venezuela, Algeria, Iran and Iraq, representing the organisation's price and long-term strategy committees.

OPEC ministers have said production is running at more than 21 million barrels per day, well above its self-imposed limit of 15.06 million set in a bid to reduce a glut on markets and bolster prices. Current estimates of demand for OPEC oil range between 18.5 to 19 million barrels a day.

Iraq has refused to accept a quota unless it matched that of its Gulf war foe Iran, which opposes the idea, and OPEC ministers in Madrid were expected to try and get Iraq back into the quota system.

Oteiba is in Rabat for a one-day annual ministerial conference of the Arab Organisation for Mineral Resources.

Agreement

Oteiba said an agreement in Madrid would result in an "immediate" improvement in prices, but added: "We may have to call an extraordinary meeting. We cannot wait until November for an agreement to be reached."

The widely traded North Sea Brent blend crude oil was quoted in Europe this morning at \$13.65 a barrel for December delivery. Oteiba said one or two more days of talks were needed.

Subroto said forecasts showed that the demand level for OPEC oil next year was 19.4 million barrels a day, about 800,000 barrels-per-day higher than in 1988. It showed world demand for 1989 at 49.6 million barrels daily.

He declined comment on Iraq's possible return to OPEC's quota system, considered vital to reaching a production accord acceptable to all 13 members, saying only "we are working toward that but it is too soon to say anything."

The late arrivals of OPEC president Riwani Lukman of Nigeria and Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abdul Rahim Al Chalabi caused an eight-hour delay in the start of the talks.

Oil industry experts said the lack of agreement on quotas could send prices plunging in months to come and prompt a price war.

Although neither committee has the power to set policy for the producer's organisation, they can make recommendations to the full organisation.

Demand

Analysts said the key issues of Iraq's return to the OPEC fold and the United Arab Emirates' demand for a higher production quota might force Subroto to consider an emergency meeting of all 13 members.

Iraq was present at the Madrid



Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abdul Rahim Al Chalabi is all smiles as he attends OPEC's first session of talks in Madrid aimed at supporting world oil prices. (Reuters wirephoto)

talks but the UAE is not a member of either of the two committees at the meeting.

The UAE has demanded a production increase from 938,000 barrels a day to 1.5 million, but OPEC is trying to limit production to stabilise prices.

Al Chalabi's late arrival prompted speculation Iraq might not rejoin the quota system because of Iran's refusal to allow it equal production levels.

Sources close to the Iranian delegation said Iran has informally reiterated its rejection of quota parity.

"We might consider negotiating an increase in Iraq's production of some 100,000 barrels a day but never one equal to ours," the Spanish news agency EFE quoted an Iranian delegate as saying.

Quotas

Oil analysts said other OPEC members were unlikely to abide by new quotas unless Iraq returned to the fold.

Iraq's departure from the quota system in mid-1986 started a chain of production cheating by other members, resulting in a worldwide glut in crude oil that has sent prices diving to a two-year low.

Some analysts predict the collapse of the 28-year-old organisation unless it musters some discipline.

Iraq left the system because it

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EEC concludes trade accord with Czechoslovakia

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Oct 21, (AP): The European Economic Community Commission said on Thursday it concluded a trade agreement with Czechoslovakia, its second trade pact with an East European nation. The accord, which still has to be officially signed, is aimed at promoting trade in industrial products between the 12-nation trade bloc and Czechoslovakia. The EEC's trade balance with Czechoslovakia swung into a surplus of 22.6 million European Currency Units (\$26 million) in 1987 from a deficit of 164.2 million ECU (\$188.6 million) the previous year. The commission said in a statement that under the terms of the four-year deal, the EEC would make "substantial progress" in eliminating national import quotas currently imposed on Czech products. Some of the quotas would be ended or suspended as soon as the agreement comes into force, it said. The statement said Czechoslovakia planned to take the "necessary measures" to promote EEC imports. The Czech authorities also will try to create "favourable" working conditions for EEC exporters. The agreement follows an accord with Hungary which was signed in September and comes amid an improvement in relations between the EEC and Eastern Europe. In June, the EEC and Comecon, the Soviet-dominated trade bloc, signed a pact where the two blocs recognised each other. This was followed by the establishment of diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary and Bulgaria. The commission is also discussing trade agreements with Bulgaria, Poland and East Germany. Exploratory talks with the Soviet Union on the possibility of trade pact will be held in early November.

Belgian diamond industry seeks government help to fight rivals

ANTWERP, Belgium, Oct 21, (Reuters): Belgium's diamond merchants on Thursday unveiled cost-cutting plans designed to keep the world's premier gem traders ahead of competitors from low-wage countries. Diamond High Council director-general Marc van Den Abeelen urged Belgium's new left-of-centre government to support the industry which is recovering from years of depressed prices. "We're over the worst of our crisis. It was terrible... but we're doing our part," Van Den Abeelen said. "We don't expect miracles, but we do want government support to help assure the future." The industry wants lower social security payments for employees, more funding for research into hi-tech automated equipment for processing stones and changes in the law to allow shift work. It also wants government support in dealings with rough-diamond suppliers and guarantees that the freeing of the European Economic Community's internal market in 1992 will not worsen the industry's tax position. Van Den Abeelen said manufacturers would have to invest more in automation and cut jobs to stay competitive at the top end of the wholesale market and that unions will have to concede flexible working hours. He said trade in rough and polished stones had never been better and had assured Antwerp's position as by far the biggest diamond centre in the world. But the city's cutting and polishing industry is only just recovering confidence after stiff competition from countries such as India, Malaysia and Thailand.

Mitterrand opens KIO-owned dairy factory in France

PARIS, Oct 21, (KUNA): President Francois Mitterrand today inaugurates a factory for packaging dairy products for Monopla Company, completely owned by the Kuwait Investment Office, in the southern French town of Soustons. Sources here said that the new factory has a total cost of \$11 million and can absorb 650 workers. They added that a \$15-million investment programme has been set up for this factory, while returns are expected to reach \$30 million annually. The inauguration ceremony will be attended by Kuwait's ambassador to France Tareq Razouqi, Fouad Ja'far from the KIO and the third secretary in the Kuwaiti embassy Jamal Al Nisafi. Monopla, one of 45 companies belonging to the Autobar Federation, is completely owned by the KIO which steers Kuwait's foreign investments from its London-based main offices. Monopla also owns another factory in Mont De Marsan in the Landes region, with a maximum capacity of 15,000 tons of plastic annually, making the company the first in Europe in its field of operation. The company's yearly volume of operation is expected to reach \$75 million. Mitterrand's presence at the factory's opening is a new indication of Paris' keenness on enhancing co-operation with Kuwait in the investment field.

Single European market will benefit Maghreb: Cheysson

TUNIS, Oct 21, (Reuters): A single European market will absorb more goods from the North African Maghreb region and encourage European investment abroad, European Economic Community commissioner Claude Cheysson said today. Cheysson told a news conference the three Maghreb states — Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia — whose trade is traditionally with France, had nothing to fear and much to gain commercially from the single market envisaged for 1992. "There's no reason why they shouldn't sell as much to Germany as they do to France... the single market will make it easier to penetrate markets where Tunisian products are still not well established," he said. Cheysson dismissed North African fears that the single market would put up protectionist barriers to exclude them. "Nowhere can the expanded market worsen European protectionism, which is besides by far the last severe in the world," he said. The market would encourage the creation of large European companies which would seek out countries like Tunisia for investment, especially in the garment industry and in industries assembling pieces exported from Europe, he added. Cheysson, a former French foreign minister who is now commissioner for Mediterranean policy and North-South relations, said the European Economic Community favoured a greater Maghreb grouping Algeria, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco and Tunisia. The presence of Libya in the group would not be an obstacle, he said. "Whenever we support a regional entity, we recognise that it's responsibility of its members to decide who should be in it and who should not."

Islamic investment company banned from selling property

CAIRO, Oct 21, (Reuters): The Egyptian government banned the Al Rayan Islamic Investment Company on Thursday from selling property, shares or other assets, the national Middle East News Agency (MENA) reported. Rayan, one of Egypt's biggest Islamic investment firms, offered farm plots, shops, offices and other property this week to scores of small savers who had demanded their deposits back. MENA said Prime Minister Atef Sedki issued an order under seven-year-old emergency laws banning Rayan and five owners from trading in the firm's or their own assets without approval from the official regulatory agency for finance firms. "All deals or transactions made directly or indirectly by the company owners or partners in moveable or unmoveable assets are illegal unless approved by the chairman of the Capital Market Authority," said the ban, backdated to April 1. But the company could continue to run its daily business by trading in goods and commodities, the agency said. MENA said similar bans were expected on transactions by other Islamic finance firms to protect customers and "make them put their houses in order." Islamic finance companies, which have attracted more than \$2 billion in deposits by offering higher returns than banks, have been set a Nov 8 deadline to comply with a new law regulating their operations or liquidate their businesses. The law passed last June forces the firms, which operate on a risk-sharing basis because Islam bans fixed interests, to go public.

Stock market crash left no scars, says Reagan

WASHINGTON, Oct 21, (Reuters): The stock market and the economy have suffered no permanent damage from last October's stock market crash, President Reagan said on Thursday.

"We saw the big fall of a year ago and a year later there has been no disaster and everything is proceeding as normal," Reagan said as he appeared in the White House Rose Garden for a photo opportunity with South Korean President Roh Tae Woo.

White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater earlier told reporters Reagan believed market reforms being undertaken by the government and the securities industry were adequately addressing the questions raised by the crash.

Prices

On October 19, 1987, share prices fell by a record 22.6 per cent.

"The market system and the government responded well at the time and (the market) seems to have recovered in a healthy fashion," Fitzwater said.

Wall Street had one of its periodic attacks of jitters on Wednesday when stock prices skidded on false rumours that the Washington Post was about to print a negative story about Vice-President George Bush's personal life.

The market recovered some ground on Thursday and the Dow Jones industrial average, edging back toward Tuesday's post-crash high of 2,159.85, rose 5.87 points to 2,143.14.

Arab airlines criticise UK tourism group

AMMAN, Oct 21, (Reuters): Arab airlines criticised the Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA) today for plans to hold its annual conference next month in the occupied city of Jerusalem.

The Amman-based Arab Air Carriers Organisation sent a telexed message to the British Tourist Authority appealing for it to act to prevent the ABTA meeting from going ahead.

"We strongly deplore your decision to convene (the meeting) in Jerusalem, the historical and spiritual capital of the Arab world," the message said.

It said ABTA's action was untenable in view of what it called the "suppression of the human rights of the Palestinian people in their own homeland."

Venezuela seeks aid from commercial bank creditors

Weak oil prices compounding Third World economic problems

MEXICO CITY, Oct 21, (Reuters): Falling oil prices should help growth in industrial nations, but in the Third World they just compound existing problems of debt, recession and poverty.

Many heavily indebted developing nations are watching a joint meeting this week in Madrid of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) pricing and long-term strategy committees on how to shore up the oversupplied international crude oil market.

"Though there are plans to restore production discipline, Mexico must act with great caution because the situation is highly volatile," Mexican state oil company Petroleos Mexicanos (Pemex) said recently of continuing differences between Iran and Iraq over their OPEC output quotas.

OPEC Secretary-General Subroto has announced a plan to

reduce the organisation's output and make quotas effective, but political conflict in the Gulf in the wake of the Iran-Iraq war ceasefire last August is undermining its viability.

Mexico, along with Venezuela, Nigeria, Indonesia, Egypt and Colombia among the highly indebted nations, stands to lose heavily if OPEC fails to discipline production.

Higher growth in industrial countries, resulting from cheaper oil, should help Third World nations but in recent years the benefits have been curbed by rising protectionism.

Oil-exporting developing countries performed the worst last year among Third World nations, growing only 0.8 per cent. According to World Bank studies, their per capita gross domestic product (GDP) declined 1.6 per cent between 1980 and 1987.

But there does not appear to be any evidence that non-oil

developing countries benefited much from lower oil prices over the last two years. Overall, their growth rate declined in 1987.

Grim

Prospects in coming years are grim with World Bank economists seeing only a modest rise in growth in these nations up to 1995. For some oil exporters, notably those with big populations such as Mexico, the consequences could be serious.

With this in mind, the US Treasury on Monday announced a \$3.5 billion bridging loan to help Mexico through present oil price weakness which threatens to prolong a recession there. Oil income is expected to drop 25 per cent this year.

OPEC member Venezuela is meanwhile seeking help from its commercial bank creditors to overcome a \$1.5 billion financing gap in 1988. Its Finance Minister, Hector Hurtado, said this month the government hopes to

reschedule its \$30 billion debt soon because of the oil price drop.

Neighbouring Trinidad, a small Caribbean oil exporter, has also been forced to negotiate an International Monetary Fund (IMF) loan because of oil price weakness that has almost wiped out its reserves.

The oil slump could hamper efforts by Colombia, up to now the only major Latin American country to avoid debt problems, to line up a \$1.85 billion loan. Officials say the country's recent emergence as an oil exporter enhances its credit rating.

But if the loan fails to materialise, Colombia, hit by a hurricane earlier this week, may have to reschedule its \$14 billion debt.

Ecuador, still recovering from the impact of an earthquake last year, is seeking a high OPEC production quota to help it stem balance of payments weakness.

Even Brazil, which in the past has benefited from lower oil

prices, would be affected if they stay low. In Rio de Janeiro, a Petrobras director said Brazil now produces half its domestic consumption and the operation begins to become uneconomic as prices approach its \$5 per barrel production cost.

Price

The oil price fall could help some producers by persuading creditors that emergency action is needed. Mexico won swift help from Washington and Western diplomats say it could give Egypt new ammunition in current negotiations with the IMF.

Egypt is negotiating a standby IMF credit which will pave the way for a \$4 billion Paris Club rescheduling. Its total foreign debt is \$43 billion.

Indonesia, with 160 million people, has avoided debt rescheduling so far but a drop in oil income will severely affect its ability to service a \$50 billion foreign debt.

KFTCIC to boost capital

KUWAIT, Oct 21, (Reuters): Kuwait Foreign Trading, Contracting and Investment Co. (KFTCIC), one of Kuwait's biggest investment firms, said it would soon nearly triple its capital and shift assets from the Third World to the West and Far East.

Executive vice-president for banking Youssef Al Hassawi told Reuters on Thursday the company expected to receive a 42 million dinar (\$150 million) injection from Kuwaiti government by mid-November to cover 1987 provisions on bad Third World debt.

KFTCIC was badly hit last year by non-performing loans mostly from Latin American and other Third World countries. It reported a net loss of 60.2 million dinars (\$214 million) after loan loss provisions of 59.8 million

dinars (\$213 million). Hassawi said the Kuwait Investment Authority (KIA), which holds 96 per cent of KFTCIC, would boost shareholders' equity to 54 million dinars (\$192 million) from 12.4 million dinars (\$44 million) at the end of last year.

KIA, the government's investment arm, has assets valued at more than \$80 billion mostly in foreign stocks, bonds and real estate.

"We are expecting an Amiri decree (on the capital increase) next week or the week after. Our capital should be raised by mid-November," Hassawi said.

Investments

He said the company's direct investments in the Third World would be swapped for other assets with another KIA subsidiary, Kuwait Real Estate

Investment Consortium (KRIC).

"We will be concentrating on developed markets in Europe, the United States and the Far East," Hassawi said.

Profit

Hassawi said the Geneva-based Investment Bank Credit des Bergues in which KFTCIC has a 64 per cent stake, would become a major investment arm in Europe. KFTCIC chairman Abdullah Al Gabandi became Credit des Bergues chairman last year.

"We want to be ready for 1992," Hassawi said, in reference to the planned introduction of a European Common Market. He predicted KFTCIC would show a profit in 1988 and would not need to take major additional new provisions.



Distributors look over new products during the annual convention of the electronics group at Yusuf A. Alghamdi & Sons Tuesday at the Hilton Hotel. The distributors were able to examine the Korean Daewoo products. Participants were welcomed by the company's Vice-President Victor Kashkoush and Wahid Labib, general manager of the electronics group.

Soviet Union to develop price index for first time

MOSCOW, Oct 21, (Reuters): The Soviet Union, which has long maintained that it has no inflation, plans to develop an index to measure rising prices, a senior government statistician said on Thursday.

Nikolai Belov complained of what he called groundless price increases in both industrial and consumer goods and said they had affected the income of the Soviet people in the first nine months of 1988.

Prices

"A number of enterprises have started to resolve their financial problems through groundless price rises," Belov, the first deputy chairman of the State Committee on Statistics, told a

news conference.

He could not estimate the percentage by which prices had risen, saying the Soviet Union did not use an "inflation indicator" in its statistics. But he added: "We plan to develop a price index based on economic performance for the entire year."

Belov's comments were the first official indication that the Soviet Union, like the West, suffers from inflation even though media complaints of price rises have been emerging.

The trade union newspaper Trud said on Sept 29 that the prices of such staple foods as bread, potatoes and other vegetables had risen by up to 18 per cent in the last two years.

IBM net earnings rise

NEW YORK, Oct 21, (Reuters): International Business Machines Corp. reported on Friday its third-quarter net earnings rose by 3.3 per cent from a year earlier, to \$1.25 billion, boosted by strong world-wide sales.

"World-wide demand is strong across our product line," IBM chairman John Akers said in a statement.

The computer giant said third-quarter revenues were up 5.3 per cent, \$13.40 billion.

It was the fifth straight quarter of higher operating earnings for IBM and the results were at the high end of Wall Street estimates. IBM spokeswoman Marti

Mattia said the company had seen "some signs of improvement" in US demand during the quarter. Computer analysts said IBM's overall US sales had been flat to slightly down in the first half of the year.

Analysts said the earnings gain appeared to be driven mostly by sales of mainframe computers and related products as well as personal computers.

They said it appeared IBM midrange systems were still struggling. However, many analysts expect midrange sales to pick up as IBM increases shipments of the new AS/400 mini-computers.

LONDON
(Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST	205/0
ABBEY LIFE	294/0	218/0
ADY LTD	132/0	264/0
ALD LYONS	484/0	453/0
ANSTRAD	205/0	583/0
ARGYLE GP	177/0	409/0
ASDA GP	154/0	513/0
BAA	281/0	316/0
BTR	292/0	369/0
BAT IND	465/0	591/0
BAYCLAYS	430/0	11/78
BASS	802/0	169/0
BEAZER	189/0	197/0
BEECHAMS	472/0	270/0
BEEHIND	408/0	569/0
BICC PLC	388/0	436/0
BLUE ARMY	99/0	177/0
BLUE CIRC	461/0	284/0
BUC GP	421/0	585/0
BUDS CO	224/0	436/0
BPB LTD	259/0	177/0
BR CORP	237/0	284/0
BR AIRWAY	166/0	585/0
BR AEROSP	495/0	449/0
BR GAS RT	62/00	403/0
BR GAS RT	162/0	360/0
BR LAND	353/6	496/0
B.P.	242/5	300/0
B.P.PP	142/0	44/00
BR TELCOM	244/0	327/0
BURMAN OL	536/0	302/0
BURTON	209/0	372/0
CABLESWIR	398/0	280/0
CADBURYS	384/0	204/0
COATS VYI	172/0	135/0
COMIT UNIT	326/0	233/0
CONS GOLD	260/0	984/0
COOKSONS	276/0	386/0
COURTAULD	305/0	323/0
DALGETY	334/0	499/5
DIXONS	147/0	292/0
ENG CHINA	508/0	189/4
ENTER OIL	588/0	223/0
FKI BACCK	130/0	060/4
FERRANTI	97/4	
FISONS	258/0	
GATEWAY	173/0	
GEN ALCO	867/0	
GEN ELEC	169/0	
GLAXO	130/0	
GRANADA	326/0	
GLOBE	146/0	
GLYMED	295/0	
GRUARD RYL	184/0	
GUN	327/0	
GUINNESS	343/0	
HAMPSON	658/0	
HARISON	151/0	
HARISON C	647/0	
HARISON S	547/0	
HILLSDOWN	280/0	
ICI	060/4	

LONDON
(Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
2ND ALICE	750/4	751/0
600 GROUP	113/0	113/0
A.MER TS	363/0	365/0
A.B.ELECT	430/0	429/0
A.S.V.HLD	192/0	193/0
AAR KENT	78/0	77/0
AARONSON	122/0	128/0
ADDISON	34/4	35/0
ADVEST	177/0	179/0
ALEXOR	346/0	348/0
ALDO COLL	133/4	134/0
ALDO TR B	268/0	269/0
ALDO LON	130/0	130/0
ALDO PLNT	64/0	65/0
ALLIANCE	849/0	853/0
AMBER DAY	52/0	52/0
AMER TST	130/2	132/0
ANERASH	584/0	583/0
ANT LTRC	252/0	252/0
ANGITA TV	208/0	207/0
ANSBACHER	83/0	216/0
APPLEYARD	462/0	462/0
APV PLC	129/0	131/0
ASHLEY LA	112/0	112/0
ATMOSCO	302/0	303/0
AUST REED	372/0	370/0
AUTO SEC	280/0	280/0
AVES PLC	77/0	77/0
AVIS EUR	338/0	338/0
AVON RUBB	710/0	709/0
B.M.JUNILL	186/0	188/0
BAILL JAP	449/0	449/0
BAILL SHI	77/0	77/0
BAIRD (W)	235/0	235/0
BANK IRE	268/0	269/0
BANKT RE	75/4	77/0
BARKER DO	125/0	126/0
BARKT DEV	175/0	177/0
BARVIES C	311/0	311/0
BBA GROUP	169/4	172/0
BEAR BMD	9/4	9/4
BEAR BRND	149/0	150/0
BEJAM GP	161/0	162/0
BELHAVEN	52/4	54/0
BELLWAY	245/0	245/0
BENROSE	219/0	221/0
BENLOX HD	50/0	51/0
BERKELEY	285/0	285/0
BHAM MINT	443/0	444/0
BHH GROUP	106/0	107/0
BK OF SCO	361/0	361/0
BLCK LE 2	13/6	14/0
BNETT +F	37/0	37/0
BOASE MAS	247/0	248/0
BODDINTH	161/0	161/0
BOOY SIOF	608/0	608/0
BOOT HENR	391/0	391/0

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
BORTHWICK	60/0	60/0
BR ARROW	107/0	106/0
BR ASSETS	69/2	70/4
BR DREGI	142/0	141/0
BR VITA	233/0	234/0
BRENT CHE	133/0	133/0
BRENT WCR	354/0	355/0
BRIDON	181/0	182/0
BRITAIN SE	194/0	194/0
BRITANNIC	355/0	357/0
BRIXTON E	360/0	361/0
BRYANT GP	135/0	135/0
BSC INTL	68/4	69/4
BULBOUGH	473/0	475/0
BULMER HP	161/0	160/0
CALOR GRP	388/4	388/0
CAMP ELEC	226/0	226/0
CANNFORD E	188/0	188/0
CANNING W	218/0	218/0
CANNON ST	266/0	265/0
CAP.RADIO	446/0	447/0
CARADON	351/0	351/0
CARLICO EN	173/0	174/0
CARLTON C	625/0	623/0
CATER ALL	350/0	350/0
CATTLE HD	64/0	64/0
CAULDON	10/0	10/0
CENTL ITV	570/0	568/0
CHAM PHRR	167/0	167/0
CHARTERHA	20/0	20/0
CHAS CHUR	109/0	109/0
CHAS FID	35/0	36/0
CHRISTIE	596/0	598/0
CI GROUP	49/0	49/0
CNTRL SEC	51/4	52/0
CNTRY OIL	167/0	166/0
COALITE	325/0	325/0
COATES BR	300/0	300/0
COLLINS A	466/0	468/0
COLLINS W	545/0	545/0
COLLOROLL	177/4	178/0
CONNELLS	251/0	250/0
COSTANT	335/0	337/0
COURTS FR	215/0	217/0
COMIE (T)	154/0	155/0
CRH	142/0	141/0
CRODA INT	194/4	195/0
CRYSTALANT	159/0	160/0
CTRY PRP	265/0	265/0
DABES EST	29/2	29/0
DAVIS GGP	153/0	154/0
DAVY CORP	163/0	166/0
DE LA RUE	481/0	483/0
DELTA GRP	289/0	291/0
DEVENISH	319/0	319/0
DEMIRIST	41/0	41/0
DIPLOMA	216/0	217/0
DOBSON PK	95/4	96/0
DOUGLAS R	305/0	306/0
DOWDINGM	59/0	60/0
DOWTY GRP	236/0	237/0
DRAYTON C	465/0	465/0
DRG	493/0	496/0
DUKEHIST	72/0	72/0
DUNDEE LD	292/0	292/0
DUNHILL	217/0	218/0
EAGLE TST	14/2	14/4
EDIN I.T	161/0	161/4
ELECTROCH	200/0	200/0
ELLIS EVA	162/0	162/0
ENAP	222/0	224/0
EMPIRE ST	231/0	231/0
ERA GROUP	65/0	65/0
EURO.MO	301/0	302/0
EUTHERM	405/0	405/0
EUTRINT	324/0	325/0
EUTRINT W	19/6	19/4
EVODE GRP	182/0	182/0
EXPANET	193/0	193/0
F&C ENTER	27/4	27/4
F&C EURO	226/0	226/0
F&C PACIT	136/0	137/0
F&C SHLLR	69/4	71/0
FALCON	103/0	100/0
FARNELL E	149/0	150/0
FED.HOUSH	280/0	281/0
FENNER JH	178/0	178/0
FERRISUN	266/0	266/0
FILMAN GP	83/0	82/0
FILINAY J	126/0	126/0
FITCH LOW	253/0	253/0
FLING AER	122/4	123/4
FLING F.E	178/0	178/0
FLING INTL	144/0	145/0
FLING JAPV	193/4	195/0
FLING MCH	180/4	181/4
FLING TECH	175/4	175/4
FOR ACOL	112/2	113/0
FRIDLY NO	263/0	263/0
FRONRORE	422/0	422/0
GALLIFORD	70/0	70/0
GPG	52/0	52/0
GRANPH HD	281/0	282/0
GRECH KMG	438/0	437/0
GREYCOIL	420/0	420/0
GREYCOIL	420/0	420/0
GRUP TV A	46/0	46/0
GR PTITLD	351/0	351/0
GUINNESS HA	127/0	127/0
GUS ORD	675/0	675/0
GVTT ATLA	135/4	136/0
GVTT STRA	229/0	231/0
H'LAND DIS	121/0	121/0
HALL (M)	176/0	176/0
HALLA	194/0	194/0
HAMBROS I	222/0	224/0
HAMERSON	701/0	700/0
HAWTHIN LE	48/4	48/4
HAZELCO	217/0	216/0
HEATHCO	435/0	434/0
HELENE PL	32/0	32/0
HELICAL B	315/0	316/0
HEPMORTH	240/4	242/0

SAVILLS	118/0	111
SAVARY "A"		
SCRR-GLOBE	229/2	220
SCOT HIRI	180/0	180
SCOT J.T.	130/2	130
SCOT MORT	105/4	105
SCOT.M.I.	94/4	94
SCT MAT C	33/0	33
SCT MAT I	90/2	90
SCTS NAT W	7/0	7
SECS TST	103/2	103
SENA GRP	325/2	320
SHANDWICK	46/0	46
SHERATON S	76/0	76
SINCE ENG	26/0	27
SINGERAFR	73/0	73
SMITH D	329/2	329
SOUND DIF	26/0	26
SPRING RAM	199/0	199
SPROX-SARF	198/0	200
ST. STEVEN	184/0	184
STAKKIS	104/0	101
STHEAD PR	339/0	333
STORNGHUR	154/0	155
STURGE ND	14/0	14
SUTER	215/0	215
TALLEN	47/0	47
TELENETS	338/0	338
TELEPA BA	216/0	216
THAMES TR	399/0	399
THERMAL S	216/0	219
THORSON T	81/0	81
THORNTONS	128/0	122
THROGHTIN	407/0	411
TI GROUP	359/0	364
TIE RACK	80/0	80
TIME PROC	222/0	222
TOKMINS F	234/0	235
TOTAL	110/4	111
TRACER INC	100/0	100
TRIN KASH	100/0	100
TRIN PACIF	54/0	55
TRIN PROPY	53/2	55
TRIN TASTIE	133/0	133
TRIVELASR	465/0	466
TRINODD	46/4	46
TRIPLEXX	193/0	193
TRITON ER	148/0	148
TRSPRT DVF	238/0	239
TVS SLD	70/0	70
TVS ENR	303/0	303
U-BORLAND	105/0	105
U-BRD ST	37/0	37
U-BROADM	118/0	118
U-BRD	187/0	187
U-CITISEN	92/0	92
U-DEWEY W	120/0	122
U-DURHAM	61/0	61
U-ELDRGE	595/0	599
U-EXPLAIR	50/4	50
U-FIELDS	48/0	48
U-FLOYD E	22/4	22
U-FRD SLD	114/0	111
U-IND PT	240/0	240

International Bond Highlights

Paris—Finnish Export Credit Ltd is launching a 100 mln ECU bond due 1994, carrying a coupon of 7-5/8 pct and priced at 101-1/4 pct, lead manager Societe Generale said. (RTTY 1128)

Paris—Food group BSN said it will make an equity-related bond issue worth a total of 1.34 billion francs. Sources at lead manager Banque Paribas said the amount may be boosted if existing shareholders react enthusiastically. (RTZA 1143, RTVA 1518)

London—Istituto Bancario San Paolo di Torino, Amsterdam branch, is issuing a 100 mln ECU three-year Eurobond, paying 7-5/8 pct at 101-3/8 pct via Law Debenture Trust Corporation, lead manager Deutsche Bank Capital Markets said. (RTTX 1314)

Amsterdam—Mortgage bank Westland Utrecht Hypotheekbank is issuing a 100 mln guilders 5.75 pct Eurobond, priced at 101.125, lead manager Algemene Bank Nederland NV said. (RTZO 1205)

London—Pirelli Financial Services NV is issuing an 80 billion lire Eurobond due Nov 21, 1992 paying 12 pct and priced at 101.65 pct, joint lead manager and Bookrunner Bankers Trust International said. (RTXD 0844)

Zurich—The City of Yokohama is issuing a 100 mln Swiss franc, 10-year, 4-1/2 pct bond priced at par, lead manager Swiss Bank Corp said. (RTTW 1312)

Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN 12-1/8 11-7/8	12-1/16 11-15	12-1/16 12
FFY 4.80/90	4.85/95	5.05/15
PAR 7-3/4 7/8	7-13/16 15/16	8 8-1/8
ZUR 1-5/8 1-7/8	3-3/8 3-5/8	3-5/8 3-7/8
BRX 5.35	7-3/16 3/16	7-1/4 5/16
ROR 10-3/8 10-7/8	11 11-1/2	11-3/8 11-7/8
AMS 5.18/31	5.25/38	5.25/38
YOK 3.81/25 8750	4.1875 2500	4.3125 3750
ECU 7.31 7.36	7.37 7.50	7.50 7.62

Interest Rates

Following are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait today:

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	5-1/16	6
3 months	6-3/16	6-3/8
6 months	6-1/4	6-5/8
1 year	6-5/16	6-3/4

BOMBAY

PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	93	84	MICO	665	660	680
ACC 283.50	296	308	GNFC	57.50	59	58.50	NUKAND	114	113
ASIA PAINT 220.50	230	227.50	GSFC	---	79	79	NOCIL	850	855
BAJAJ AUTO ---	402.50	400	HIND LEVER	87	91	88	PEICO	37	36
BAR. DYLING 310	320	322.50	HINDALCO	121	124	124	PFIZER	84	88
BR. BOND ---	141	142	HINDCOCA	116.25	117.50	120	PRE-AUTO	47	48.50
BSE INDEX 656.12	678.67	678	IND ORG	43	44.50	45	RELIANCE	176	184
CENTURYSPB 1320	1355	1375	INDORAY	80	80	81	SIEMENS	109	108
COLGATE 304.50	315	325	INDRAL	---	287.50	285	SPIC	52.50	54
DESIKAFERT 46.50	46	45.50	ITC	54	56	58	STOMILLS	340	350
EL HOTEL 55	50	45	JKSWTH	88.75	87	87.50	TATA PWR	335	340
ESKATFER 145	147.50	155	L AND T	132	134.50	136.50	TATACHEN	102	104
ESSAR 23	24.50	23.75	MAHINDRA	102	104	107	TELCO	700	740
GAR. POLY ---	112.50	105	MASTERSHR	18.50	18.25	18.50	TISCO	947.50	952.50
GE. SHIP 41.50	40.50	40.50	NATHER PL	---	86.25	85	VOLTA	420	410

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR.	CLSE
AEG	175.0	177.0
ALLIANZ VR	1703.0	1702.0
BADENWERK	0	181.0
BASF	280.7	281.4
BAYER	306.3	308.5
BAYER HYP	375.0	377.0
BAYER VER	370.0	378.0
BK	320.5	317.0
BHF	416.0	416.0
BMW	531.5	535.0
COMERZBANK	249.7	251.0
CONTI GUM	266.0	260.5
DATMER BEN	738.2	743.0
DEUTSCH BHK	534.5	536.5
DLM	389.0	388.0
DRESDBER	298.5	304.0
DT. BASCOCK	169.8	168.0
FAZ INDEX	534.31	530.59
FELDMUEHL	282.0	282.2
GOLDSCHEID	321.0	324.0
HARDENBERG	400.0	407.0
HOECHST AG	305.0	307.1
HOESCH	167.3	166.8
HORTEN	205.0	208.0
MUSSEL HLD	472.0	465.0
KALI SALZ	161.0	158.0
KARSTADT	457.0	435.0
KARFHOE	429.0	428.0
KLOECK H	138.0	140.0
KLOECK W	101.7	101.5
LMDE	712.0	709.0
LUFTHANSA	153.5	152.0
NAM	213.0	213.5
NANNESMAN	187.5	187.3
NERCEDES	614.0	614.5
METALLGES	335.0	336.5
NTXDOOF PF	405.5	408.0
NORSK HYD	28.0	28.30
PHILIP KON	621.0	621.0
PORSCHE	581.0	585.0
PREUSSAG	185.8	186.0
PWA	233.0	232.7
RHEINMETAL	343.0	335.0
RME	236.5	236.5
RME P	216.5	215.0
SALAMANDER	302.0	308.0
SCHERING	563.0	561.0
SEL	290.0	291.0
SIEMENS	483.0	486.0
THYSEN	169.5	168.5
VARTA	311.0	312.0
VESA	267.0	268.8
VEW	159.4	159.4
VOLKSWAGEN	305.0	308.0

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST PR.	CLSE
C H TUNNEL	15.30	15.30
CHUNG K	7.50	7.50
CHINA GAS	16.70	16.90
CHINA L-P	16.10	16.00
CHINA MOP	23.10	23.10
COSMO PROP	3.10	3.00
EVERGO IND	4.8	4.9
FAR EAST C	77	76
GEN ORIENT	0	44.00
H C DEVELP	8.80	8.80
H S INDEX	581.69	584.04
HANG LUNG	5.35	5.35
HANG SENG	27.60	27.80
HAW PAR BR	9.70	9.70
HK ELECO CO	6.95	6.95
HK KONG	8.20	8.20
HK LAND CO	8.35	8.35
HK SHAN BK	6.30	6.40
HK TELE CO	4.82	4.82
HK TEL CO	5.25	5.25
HUTCH UNAN	8.45	8.55
IND EO PAC	10.20	10.10
JARDINE H	13.80	13.63
KAMLOOK	8.60	8.60
KEW HONG	11.90	11.90
PAUL Y CON	2.57	2.77
REALTY DEV	6.85	6.85
S H K CO	1.98	1.99
S H K PROP	11.40	11.30
SINE DARY	2.17	2.15
STELL MFG	2.70	2.67
SHIRE PAC	18.10	18.00
T V B CO	14.20	14.10
TAI CHEUNG	3.82	3.92
UNION BANK	1.52	1.51
WOCK HAD	0	7.25
WOCK HAT	0	1.15
WORLD INTL	3.85	3.85

TOKYO

STOCK	LAST PR.	CLSE
AIJINOMOTO	2660	2610
AKAI ELEC	555	550
AKAI	967	969
ASAHI GLS	1830	1820
ASAHI OPT	599	587
BANK TOKYO	1540	1540
BRIDGESTON	1210	1210
CANON	1270	1290
CASIO COMP	1240	1270
CHUGAI PHM	1430	1430
CITIZEN W	762	786
D-ICHI KAN	3090	3090
DAI NIP IK	820	819
DAI NIP PT	2660	2640
DAI NIP SC	880	890
DAI NIP TO	767	725
DANKEI	752	762
DAIWA H	1890	1950
DAIWA SEC	2530	2550
EBARA MFG	899	909
ETSAI	1850	1870
FUJITSU	1480	1520
FUJII BANK	3140	3120
FUJII PHOTO	3200	3220
FUJISAWA	1610	1660
FUJITA CP	769	769
HITACHI	1490	1500
HONDA MOT	1920	1940
ISETAN	2090	2050
ITO YOKADO	3970	4000
JAP SYN RU	925	940
JAPAN AIR	13300	13300
JAPAN RET	615	615
KAJIMA	1670	1670
KANSAI EL	3410	3390
KAO SOAP	1540	1530
KAWASAKI H	763	750
KAWASAKI R	945	932
KIRIN BEV	1720	1740
KOMATSU	800	785
KUBOTA LTD	860	824
KYOCERA	4700	4660
MAKITA EL	1420	1410
MARUI	2940	2850
MATSUDA EI	2290	2360
MATSUDA EL	0	2660
NEIJI SEIK	930	925
NITSUBU CP	1150	1160
NITSUBU EL	956	951
NITSUBU HST	2510	2470
NITSUBU CO	910	897
NITSUKOSHI	1900	1900
NITSUMI EL	939	935
NICHICON	1100	1110
NINON CHMT	938	895
NIKKO SEC	1720	1740
NIP ELEC	1796	1780
NIP KOKKAM	786	794
NIP OIL	1190	1200
NIP STEEL	795	789
NIP YUSEN	805	771
NIS MOTOR	1200	1220
NUMERA SEC	3550	3600
OHDA CO	796	790
OHYU	1030	1030
PENTA OCE	976	984
PIONEER	3040	3170
REINON	859	866
RICOM	1080	1110
SANIKYO	1940	1960
SANJO ELEC	647	652
SEIYU ST	1970	1970
SEIKISUI PB	1760	1750
SHARP	990	998
SHISEIDO	1470	1460
SONY	6100	6210
SUNITOMO	1100	1110
TAISET	1100	1070
TAISHO HRN	1290	1280
TAKEDA CH	2470	2500
TEIJIN	728	754
TKD NEW IX	126.56	123.90
TOKIO MTR	2100	2090
TOKYO ELEC	981	999
TOKYO GAS	1380	1370
TOKYO POWR	6130	6080
TORAY IND	810	806
TOSHIBA EL	990	996
TOTO	1950	1950
TOYO KOGYO	695	689
TOYOTA MOT	2470	2470
YAMAHA	1110	1140
YAMATCHI	1700	1720
YAMAGUCHI	3860	3840
YAMAZAKI	1280	1280

Tokyo Stock Market Report

TOKYO, OCT. 21, REUTER - SHARE PRICES GRADUALLY SLAVED OFF THEIR EARLY GAINS THROUGH THE DAY TO END JUST ABOVE THE MINUS ZONE AND NEAR THE DAY'S LOWS, BROKERS SAID.

"A LOT OF DOMESTIC PROBLEMS ARE OUTWEIGHING THE GOOD FUNDAMENTAL NEWS FOR THE MARKET -- WALL STREET WAS UP AND BOND YIELDS ARE DOWN," SAID ONE BROKER.

"THE EMPLOYER AND THE RECRUIT COSMOS SCANDAL ARE THE MAIN THINGS THAT ARE KEEPING IT DOWN," HE SAID.

THE NIKKEI INDEX WAS UP A SLIGHT 10.87 POINTS, OR 0.04 PCT, TO 27,401.42. IT FINISHED WITH A 96.08 POINT-GAIN ON THURSDAY.

THE FIRST SECTION INDEX, OR TOPIX, ROSE 2.66 POINTS TO 2,126.56 FOLLOWING A 5.73-POINT GAIN ON THURSDAY.

RISES TOOK A SIX TO FIVE-POINT FALL IN STRONG TURNOVER OF ONE BILLION SHARES, UNCHANGED FROM THURSDAY.

WAREHOUSE, NON-LIFE INSURANCE, FISHERY, CREDIT/LEASE, MINING, BANK, OIL, AUTO AND SHIPPING SHARES LED THE WINNERS.

SECURITIES HOUSE, ROLLING STOCK, RAILWAY/BUS, PULP/PAPER, ELECTRICAL, PHARMACEUTICAL, FOOD, PRECISION INSTRUMENT, TEXTILE AND SOME MANUFACTURING STOCKS LED THE LOSERS.

THE INDEX REACHED A HIGH OF 27,582.29 POINTS IN EARLY TRADE AFTER WALL STREET SOARED TO A POST-CRASH HIGH OVERNIGHT.

BUT THE INITIAL BUYING SPREE LOST STEAM AND THE INDEX FELL TO A LOW 27,392.49 IN LATE AFTERNOON TRADE.

THE ESCALATING RECRUIT COSMOS SCANDAL AND ITS POSSIBLE EFFECTS ON A CAPITAL GAINS TAX, AND THE TIGHTENING INSIDER TRADING REGULATIONS WERE THE MAIN WORRY TODAY, BROKERS SAID.

THE SCANDAL INVOLVES SECRETARIES OF TOP GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHO BOUGHT THE SHARES, APPARENTLY EXPECTING THE PRICE TO SOAR ONCE LISTED OVER-THE-COUNTER IN 1986, BROKERS SAID.

NO ALLEGATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE THAT ANY INVESTORS BROKE THE LAW. CONCERN WAS SPARKED BY A RUMOUR THAT RECRUIT COSMOS WOULD BE DELISTED FROM TRADING OVER-THE-COUNTER.

Hong Kong Market Report

HONG KONG, OCT. 21, REUTER - STOCKS GAVE UP EARLY GAINS TO CLOSE BARELY STEADY, FOLLOWING HEAVY PROFIT-TAKING WHICH EMERGED IN THE LATE MORNING ON UNFAVOURABLE TECHNICAL FACTORS AND UNCERTAINTY IN SHARE PRICE OUTLOOK, BROKERS SAID.

THE HANG SENG INDEX ENDED 2.35 LOWER AT 2,581.69 AFTER GAINING MORE THAN 20 POINTS IN EARLY TRADE, WHILE THE BROADER-BASED HONG KONG INDEX RASED 1.20 TO 1,700.72. TURNOVER TOTALLED 801.02 MLN H.K. DLSR AGAINST THURSDAY'S 620.19 MLN.

THURSDAY'S WALL STREET'S RALLY PROMPTED A STRONG OPENING ON THE LOCAL BOURSE, BUT GAINS WERE ERODED AS BUYERS STARTED UNLOADING THEIR HOLDINGS AN HOUR AFTER TRADING BEGAN.

AMMAN

As of 19.10.82	OPNG	CLSE
ALA-ALDIN COMPANY	1.34	1.28
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	1.98	1.94
ARAB BANK	130.0	132.2
ARAB CHEMICAL DTR	3.82	4.00
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.75	1.80
ARAB INSURANCE	0.99	1.05
ARAB INT. INV/TRADE	0.98	0.98
ARAB INT. UNION INS	0.90	0.99
ARAB JOR. HOTELS	0.58	0.58
ARAB JOR. INVEST/BK	2.10	2.10
ARAB PAPER CO/TRD	0.33	0.35
ARAB PHARM. MANF.	2.14	2.16
ARAB PHARM/CHEM	0.76	0.75
ARAB POTASH CO.	---	---
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65
BANK OF JORDAN	15.00	15.25
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95
CATRO AMMAN BANK	28.00	28.00
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.68	0.66
DAR ALDAMA DV/INV.	1.99	2.00
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.54	0.53
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	0.57	0.56
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	3.55	3.95
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.30	1.30
GENERAL MINING	1.35	1.38
HIMEN MINERALS	0.75	0.75
HOLY LAND INS.	1.27	1.25
IND. MATCH JEMCO	0.71	0.72
INDUST. DEVELP BAK	1.48	1.50
INDUSTRIAL/COM/AGR.	1.31	1.29
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75
INTERN. COM/INV	0.14	0.15
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.86	0.86
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.62
ITERMED/PETRI/CH	1.49	1.42
J. TOUR-SUP COMPLEX	0.79	0.92
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.29
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	14.00	14.00
JOR CERAMIC FACTORY	1.30	1.26
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.01	25.05
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.70	1.70
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.00	0.99
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	2.50	2.30
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	1.75	1.71
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	1.20	1.20
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20
JOR LEASING CORP.	0.58	0.57
JOR LIM BRICK	0.21	0.21
JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50	0.50
JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.64	2.68
JOR PAPER CARDBRDG	3.65	3.55
JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	2.90	2.85
JOR PIPES MANUFACT	1.37	1.36
JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	2.00	2.15
JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.00	4.00

Sterling dives

Dollar sinks and gold eases slightly

LONDON, Oct 21, (Reuters): The dollar sank today to its lowest values in four months, forfeiting most gains made in a strong summer rally.

Wall Street stocks were also lower at New York's midday. Investors seem to have decided that the risk of inflation is no longer so strong in the United States as to warrant a rise in interest rates that would make dollar assets a better buy.

And news of a smaller-than-expected September rise of 0.3 per cent in US consumer prices seemed to confirm that.

Dealers said they had expected the dollar to slip in coming weeks. When they tried selling it on Friday and central banks failed to buy and stabilise it, they sold some more.

Movement

"A slow, ordered downward movement of the dollar is in everybody's interest at the moment," a European dealer said.

Among other things, it should help America sell more exports, something which dealers speculate that the next US administration will want. The US monthly trade deficit was \$12.2 billion in August, up from \$9.47 billion in July.

The dollar ended in London at 1.7795 marks and 126.32 yen.

That was down just over two pence and more than a yen from Thursday and the lowest close since June 22.

The dollar touched 1.92 marks and rose above 136 yen in late

August/early September. Despite its subsequent decline, it remains comfortably above historic lows of 1.5615 and 120.20 at which it began the year.

Sterling also slipped, losing more than three pence to 3.1460 marks, after Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson said in a speech on Thursday night he expected Britain's trade deficit would stay high until 1990.

Gold eased slightly to a London afternoon setting of \$410.25 an ounce, as inflation worries abated. Oil prices, a major factor determining inflation, were a touch firmer around \$13.60 for a barrel of typical North Sea Brent crude.

The oil market was cautious while key OPEC ministers were meeting in Madrid to try to find a strategy to curb the excess output which has weakened petroleum prices lately.

In the stock markets, the Dow Jones industrial average on Wall Street was down 7.29 at 2,173.90 at New York's midday but buyer interest was reviving, brokers said.

The interest was in takeover stocks after Thursday's news that an RJR Nabisco Management Group wants to make a \$17-billion bid for the American tobacco and food giant.

In London the widely predicted early fall on Wall Street saw the London market fall further in afternoon trade and by 1430 GMT the FTSE 100 was down a net 5.4 points to 1,858.9, having

drifted down from an opening 1,870.6.

Shares opened higher after the US market's sharp rise overnight, but slipped back with the Wall Street fall where prices were hit by disappointment with Digital Equipment's poor first quarter figures as well as a weak bond market and dollar.

Fall

Sterling's fall and a subsequent rise in UK money market rates also undermined sentiment, but the majority of dealers were still positive for UK equities in the near-term.

Dealers said there were no surprises for the market in British Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson's speech last night, and that the small dip in stock prices mainly represented a consolidation of recent gains.

"There has been perhaps too much excitement over the recent batch of bids given underlying fundamentals," one equity trader said. "It's about time we saw some consolidation."

This afternoon, an Irish judge ruled in favour of French drinks concern Pernod Ricard in its 45p per share takeover battle for the whiskey maker Irish Distillers. Irish Distillers shares were suspended this morning at 414p.

Steady

Hotels and drinks group Grand Metropolitan, which has a 52p per share counter bid pending for Irish Distillers, held steady at 460p.

British Airways was a penny lower at 167p following news it

had ordered \$1.78 billion worth of aircraft from Boeing.

Boeing shares in New York were trading 50 cents lower at \$67 but this was against the background of the fall on Wall Street. "Considering Wall Street is down so much I think Boeing is performing well," one US share trader here said.

Rolls-Royce, which is to provide \$185 million worth of engines to fill the British Airways order added 4p to 138.

Eased

Lombard shares eased a net 8p to 371 in the wake of news that Australia's Bond Corp had built up a near 15 per cent stake in the company. There has been recent strong speculation that Bond was building a substantial stake and most analysts believe he is far from being a passive investor.

Some 12 million Lombard shares traded today which means that over 110 million shares, about a quarter of the total Lombard equity, have changed hands this week.

Lombard shares touched a high of 392p just after the announcement but eased off quickly as investors had second thoughts about Bond's holding.

Stake

"People obviously initially thought that a stake of that size pointed to a bid. But a perception that the shares are expensive and Bond may have trouble funding a full offer quickly saw the shares fall back," one analyst said.

Minorco bid target Cons Gold lost just 15p of yesterday's 55p

gain to 1,260 with the shares still supported by speculation that the bid will not run into an official objection.

Glaxo failed to hold onto its earlier 13p gain but the shares still closed 7p up at 1,130 on hopes for a bigger market for its Zantac anti-ulcer drug after a favourable new report on the drug in the British medical journal.

Fashion stores group Next was 3p off at 178 after selling its Allen's chemist chain to Lloyds Chemist for \$29.3 million. Analysts said although the sale helped to improve Next's gearing it was rather too small to have a material impact. Lloyds Chemist was 3p higher at 145, but traders said they would not be surprised to see Lloyds issue paper to raise cash.

Firm

Food manufacturers and tobacco stocks were generally firm on a revaluation of the sectors after the \$17 billion management buy-out plan for US food and cigarette company RJR Nabisco.

Redland rose 5p to 450 and ICI 3p to 1,061, both ahead of figures next week.

Foods to textiles group Polly Peck lost 7p at 310 after news of a £133 million one-for-four rights issue to fund expansion.

British Aerospace was 2p firmer at 496 helped by news late yesterday that its Rover car subsidiary won an order worth about £540 million from Avis Rent-A-Car.

Jordan supply minister vows to crack down on profiteers

AMMAN, Oct 21, (Reuters): Jordanian Supply Minister Abdel-Salam Kan'an vowed today to crack down on any profiteering traders exploiting the drop in the dinar's value.

"Legal action will be taken against any wholesale and retail suppliers or merchants who try to exploit the current position by raising prices on commodities which are already in stock," Kan'an told Reuters. "Violators will face severe punishment."

He said his ministry had already taken legal action against some traders who had tried to take advantage of what he called "temporary unstable market circumstances."

Value

The dinar has lost almost 15 per cent of its dollar value since Saturday when the Central Bank let the currency slide in a bid to conserve scarce foreign exchange and boost exports.

The Central Bank now values the dollar at 443 fils, compared to 378 fils a week ago. There are 1,000 fils to the dinar.

Anxious shoppers rushed to buy consumer goods before the

dinar's decline was reflected in higher prices and newspapers denounced traders who, they said, had marked up prices or hoarded goods to sell later.

Some car dealers and computer salesmen said prices had risen up to 30 per cent this month. "One make of personal computer cost 390 dinars a few weeks ago. Now we are selling it for a 475 dinars," one salesman said.

Supplies

Labourer Sa'id Ahmed complained that since Sunday he had to pay 40 fils more for his breakfast. "The restaurant owner told me he had to pay more for supplies because of this dinar-dollar story," he said.

Kan'an said there was no reason for restaurants or groceries to raise prices since his ministry was still importing and subsidising staple foods such as rice, sugar, frozen meat and flour.

Prices of basic foodstuffs such as milk and dairy products, local meat, poultry, fish and tea are also fixed.

Kan'an said his ministry monitored prices of luxury imported

items but did not normally interfere. But he added: "We shall take action if shameless merchants repeat what some of their colleagues tried to do in the past four days."

Worried

Industrialists worried about how the fluctuating dinar might affect imports of raw materials have urged the Central Bank to set realistic exchange rates so they can plan ahead.

Some importers opened letters of credit when the dinar was worth 370 fils, but now have to settle them at 450 fils or more.

"We are committed not to change our prices now as we have not yet run out of stock," Ibrahim Abu Ragheb, director of the Arab Iron and Steel Industries Company, told Reuters.

"But things will change soon as the cost of raw materials we buy is increasing and foreign exchange rates are not stable."

Royal Jordanian, the national airline, is studying increases in ticket prices, a spokesman said. Hotels, hospitals and other service businesses plan to follow suit.

Britain refuses to compensate Barlow Clowes investors

LONDON, Oct 21, (Reuters): The British government on Thursday refused to compensate thousands of small investors who lost money when a fund management firm collapsed earlier this year.

Trade and Industry Minister Lord Young said that an independent report which he had ordered into his ministry's dealings with the Barlow Clowes fund management group showed there was no reason for the government to make any payments to investors.

He told the House of Lords, the upper house of Parliament, there were "no grounds for concluding that the trade department's handling of the matter was unreasonable or caused losses experienced by investors."

So there was "no justification to use taxpayers' money to fund compensation."

British-based Barlow Clowes Gilts Managers Ltd and Barlow Clowes International, which operated in the British colony of Gibraltar, were closed down in May.

An estimated £190 million (\$334 million) is owed to

thousands of clients, most of them small investors including pensioners who put in their life savings.

Peter Clowes, who headed the funds operation, was charged in Britain on June 15 with perverting the course of justice, creating false documents and destroying other papers in connection with the collapse. He has denied any wrongdoing.

Fund

An official receiver has said about £52.5 million (\$92.4 million) is available to meet claims on the British fund of up to £53.2 million (\$93.6 million).

But up to £16 million (\$28.2 million) of the money raised may be due to investors in the Gibraltar-based fund, which collapsed with estimated client funds of about £138 million (\$242.9 million).

Lord Young said investors in the British-based fund were likely to receive more than 75 per cent of their money before the end of the year. Those who put money in the Gibraltar operation might eventually get more than 30 per cent of their investment.

Doelman said the 7,000 investors in the British fund may get part of their money back but the 14,000 who put their faith in the Gibraltar fund had less hope of recovering their cash.

World trade growth accelerates

GENEVA, Oct 21, (AP): Growth of world trade has accelerated to an annual average of 5 per cent this year, a GATT report said yesterday. Last year's growth was about 4 per cent.

The report, compiled by the secretariat of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), also forecast global economic growth at 3.5 per cent in 1988.

It noted that the improvement was marked although many developing countries continued to be faced with balance of payments problems and difficulties in servicing their foreign debts and although uncertainties about interest rate trends and commodity prices remain.

Trends

The report cited resumption of export growth in a number of heavily indebted countries and generally greater exchange stability among factors.

"If these trends continue, and are supported by appropriate

monetary and financial policies including those relating to the reduction of the debt burden, a particularly favourable climate would exist for progress in trade policy field," it commented.

The report also listed a proliferation of "voluntary" export restraints negotiated with individual supplying countries that otherwise would face quantitative restrictions.

It said that on the import side, the European Economic Community and the United States account for more than three quarters of the measures in operation while on the export side, Japan, South Korea, the European Economic Community account for on third of the agreements.

Measure

The report, discussed at a special session of the GATT council, pointed to continuing concern by some governments over the new US trade act signed into law by President Ronald

Reagan last August 23.

The US delegate, Fred Montgomery, told meeting that the law was within GATT norms and that it was intended to be a trade liberalisation measure. Montgomery warned that more protectionist pressure from Congress could be expected, according to a GATT source.

Concern also was voiced by several countries, including the United States, Japan, Australia and Hong Kong at the European Economic Community's programme to achieve a single unified market by 1992, the source said.

The EEC delegate Tran Van Thinh said creation of the market would allow an annual growth of 5 to 7 per cent of the EEC economy while not having one would cost the community about \$20 billion ECU a year. The source said Tran did not elaborate in his statement on how he arrived at this estimate.

US consumer prices rise 0.3pc

WASHINGTON, Oct 21, (Reuters): US consumer prices rose 0.3 per cent in September, after a 0.4 per cent rise in August, as lower energy costs offset a rise in food prices caused by this summer's drought, the government said today.

The unexpected slowdown in the inflation rate was welcome news for Vice-President George Bush in his race for the White House and for Federal Reserve policy-makers, who judged interest rates higher over the summer in a bid to curb mounting price pressures.

If consumer prices continued to rise at the seasonally adjusted pace of the first nine months of 1988, the inflation rate for the full year would be 4.5 per cent, compared with 4.4 per cent in 1987, the Labour Department said.

Increase

Economists, who had expected a 0.4 per cent increase in September, said the dip in the rate would give some breathing room to Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan as he strives to keep interest rates at a level that dampens inflation while keeping the 71-month-old US economic expansion alive.

The Central Bank's policy-makers will meet on Nov 1, one

week before the presidential election, and economists said the latest report made it very likely that interest rates would not be raised.

But, conversely, economists said there was little scope for easier credit, especially with the dollar falling once more against other major currencies.

If the volatile categories of food and energy are removed to get at the core rate of inflation, consumer prices rose 0.4 per cent in September, twice as fast as in August.

Food and beverage prices, still reflecting the impact of the early-summer drought, rose 0.8 per cent in September after increasing 0.5 per cent in August, the government said.

Fruit and vegetable prices jumped 4.5 per cent, partly offset by lower prices for meat, poultry, fish and eggs.

The introduction of new fashion lines for autumn and winter also gave a boost to clothing costs, which rose 2.0 per cent in September after falling 1.6 per cent in August, the Labour Department said.

Most articles of clothing showed substantially larger than seasonal price increases.

Energy prices, however, fell 0.6 per cent last month, erasing

most of a 0.9 per cent increase in August.

Petrol prices fell 1.7 per cent after rising 3.0 per cent in August.

Sixty countries to take part in Baghdad fair

BAGHDAD, Oct 21, (OPEC-NA): So far, nearly 60 countries and more than 1,800 Arab and non-Arab companies have agreed to take part in the 25th Baghdad international trade fair opening here on Nov 1.

A source at the Iraqi trade fairs directorate said this year's jubilee anniversary of the fair would attract a record number of countries and firms.

The two-week event, to be attended by industrial manufacturers from all over the world, will provide Iraq with an opportunity to demonstrate the progress it has made in industry, agriculture and technology.

New facilities, the source said, had been offered to the participants this year, with each pavilion allowed to sell \$100,000 worth of semi-manufactured goods and \$30,000 worth of consumer items.

British move has done 'considerable injustice to Kuwait'

Call to cut stake in BP unjustified: ABCC

LONDON, Oct 21, (KUNA): The Arab-British Chamber of Commerce (ABCC) has "deeply regretted" the decision by the British government to force Kuwait to reduce its holding in British Petroleum (BP) by more than a half to 9.9 per cent.

In a statement issued in London today, ABCC said that the move taken by British Trade and Industry Secretary Lord Young on October 4 was "both unjustified on commercial and other grounds."

"Announcing the statement the chambers' secretary-general and chief executive, Abdul Karim Al Mudaris, said the decision was based on "unconvincing assumptions and speculation."

The statement went on to say that these "do not warrant the UK's Draconian treatment of

Kuwait," and the chamber did not believe that Kuwait's holding in BP "can be expected to operate against the British public interest."

Investment

Al Mudaris said that Kuwait's investment in the giant oil company, worth about £3,000 million, ought to be seen as a positive response to the British government policy which encourages market freedom, and welcomes foreign investors in privatisation flotations.

The UK government, the statement added, "did not conceive of restricting foreign ownership in BP until it saw who the investors were."

Kuwait has been "penalised," ABCC remarked, "for no other reason than being an Arab oil producer and an OPEC member."

"Coming in the wake of the October 1987 stock market crash, Kuwait's buying into BP in fact came at a most convenient time for the British exchequer, and undoubtedly saved the government from the embarrassment of having to buy back its BP shares and of making a substantial loss on the sale."

The statement indicated that "for this reason the UK government owes a great deal of gratitude to Kuwait."

"Far from being expected to be against the public interest, Kuwait's investment in BP can in fact be most beneficial to both parties, particularly BP," the statement commented.

BP is a major oil company and Kuwait, which has for many years invested in North Sea oil fields, "has a tenth of proven

global oil reserves," the chamber emphasised.

For BP to enjoy links with Kuwait when UK and other industrial countries' oil reserves are being depleted rapidly, can only be to its advantage, it underlined.

ABCC recalled that Kuwait told the Mergers and Monopolies Commission (MMC) that it views its BP holdings as a long-term "passive" investment of a purely commercial nature and that it would not seek to influence BP decisions, or ask for representation on its board or management.

The MMC has not paid heed to these assurances, and "its findings do not stand up to careful scrutiny and are not based on any evidence which points to a breach of faith on the part of

Kuwait," the statement stressed. The British move has done "considerable injustice to Kuwait," which is valued by financial circles in London as one of its most responsible foreign investors.

Record

In addition, the chamber made it clear that with investments in Britain worth about £15 billion, Kuwait "has an excellent track record in this respect."

In conclusion, Al Mudaris expressed astonishment at the British government action against Kuwait "which is in flagrant 'contradiction of assurances' by British ministers of the importance the UK attaches to the contribution Arab investors can make to the British economy."

Al Hamar calls for UAE stock market

ABU DHABI, Oct 21, (Reuters): The United Arab Emirates (UAE) should establish a stock market to streamline share dealings and reduce manipulation, its Central Bank governor said today.

"I hope the competent authorities will expedite the issuance of a law setting up a stock market to streamline dealings in shares and cut manipulations," Abdul Malik Al Hamar told state-run Abu Dhabi television.

He said a stock market would also help to recycle government and private savings and boost productivity by national institutions.

Disparities

The UAE has been debating since 1985 whether to establish a stock market in line with other Arab states like Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Qatar and Tunisia. Officials say disparities between federal laws and individual emirates are hindering plans.

Share dealings in the UAE, a federation of seven emirates including Dubai and oil-rich Abu Dhabi, are carried out through brokers. But there have been complaints about fraud and the presence of many unauthorised dealers.

UK trade team to visit Iraq

LONDON, Oct 21, (KUNA): A British cabinet minister will lead a UK delegation to Baghdad next month for a meeting of the Anglo-Iraqi joint commission which oversees trade between the two countries, it was confirmed today.

The commission will meet from Nov 4-7 and heading the British team will be the Minister of State at the British Department of Trade and Industry, Tony Newton.

A spokeswoman for the department said the 10-member British delegation will also include officials from the British Overseas Trade.

Europe more isolated on world farm reform, says US

WASHINGTON, Oct 21, (Reuters): The European Economic Community has a dwindling number of allies in its opposition to global farm trade reform and the United States hopes the EEC becomes more isolated, US Trade Representative Clayton Yeutter said today.

"The community is becoming increasingly isolated in its resistance to significant agricultural trade reform," he told a press briefing.

Proposal

He was referring to a meeting of trade ministers this month in Pakistan and to the mid-term review of the Uruguay round of world trade talks set for Montreal this December.

Yeutter said the United States had succeeded in rallying a num-

ber of countries, including developing nations, to its sweeping proposal to phase out all trade-distorting farm subsidies over approximately 10 years.

But he said the EEC continued to be the main US adversary in the four-year round of trade talks within the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

The chief US trade negotiator said that in Montreal some European governments wanted only to restate "nebulous, ambiguous" language adopted by trade ministers in Paris last May and by the heads of state of the seven largest industrial countries in Toronto last June.

Those communications called for a "framework approach," including short-term subsidy cuts in line with unstated long-term goals.

Trade ministers in Montreal, Yeutter said, should endorse a more specific timetable for long-term reform, similar to the US proposal to scrap subsidies over

10 years.

"If it's simply procrastination and stalling in Montreal, then we ought to stop wasting our time on agriculture and just have at it in terms of a full-scale controversy," he said.

"We're not going to pull out, but clearly a failure in Montreal will tarnish the atmosphere and probably lead to a lot more confrontation on the export subsidy front in 1989 and it also runs the risk of a legislative response by the US Congress," he added.

Subsidies

Congress, he said, will be ready to increase farm export subsidies or offer marketing loans to producers of major crops if the Montreal meeting ends in failure.

The marketing loan, already available to US cotton and rice growers, allows farmers to sell products at the world price and receive a subsidy from the government.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Oct 21, (Reuters): The market closed firm but off the day's high as profit-takers moved to cash in on gains of the past trading days. The All Ordinaries index rose three to 1,594.2.

TOKYO: Share prices gradually shaved off their earlier gains through the day to end near the day's lows. The Nikkei index rose 10.87 to 27,401.42.

HONG KONG: Stocks gave up early gains to close barely steady, following heavy profit-taking on unfavourable technical factors and uncertainty over the outlook for prices. The Hang Seng index fell 2.35 to 2,581.69.

SINGAPORE: Prices closed firm, with gains across the board following institutional buying support and widespread bargain-hunting spurred by Thursday's Wall Street rally. The Straits Times industrial index rose 16.09 to 1,038.42.

BOMBAY: Share prices shot up on a broad front on heavy speculative and institutional buying when trading resumed after a two-day halt. Tata Steel

soared 40 rupees to 987.5. FRANKFURT: Prices closed easier in sluggish trading after the weaker dollar prompted investors to take profits and square their positions before the weekend. The DAX index fell 5.49 to 1,289.72.

ZURICH: Shares closed firmer on high turnover after Wall Street overnight reached its highest level since the crash. The Swiss index rose eight to 938.2, a high for the year.

PARIS: Prices continued their opening strong tone at mid-session but some profit-taking pushed them off their highs of the morning. LONDON: The widely predicted early fall on Wall Street saw the London market drop further in afternoon trading. By 1430 GMT the FTSE 100 was down 5.4 at 1,858.9.

NEW YORK: Stocks in mid-morning were around their lows of the session but held steady as selling let up. Traders blamed disappointment over digital equipment's quarterly results.

World Bank's top economist sanguine about inflation

UNITED NATIONS, Oct 21, (Reuters): The chief economist of the World Bank said on Thursday he does not believe inflation in the United States will rise much above five or six per cent in the next few years.

But the official, Stanley Fischer, said in an interview recorded for UN television that even five per cent used to be considered substantial inflation and that in 1969 Washington created a recession to reduce it below that level.

From 'shy Di' to assertive woman

Has Princess Diana been reined in?

By Georgia Howell

IT IS tempting to believe that in a high-security wing of Buckingham Palace, there is a secret Operations Room like those seen in black-and-white films about the Battle of Britain.

Here a nucleus of mysterious but powerful personnel push coroneted flags around on a spotlit tabletop, advancing one member of the royal family into the limelight, withdrawing another, working out strategies and disposing of royal resources so as to deflect perpetual offensive by squads of hostile fighters from the tabloid press.

In this movie tableau, the most significant figure is always the controller at the high central desk, who surveys the battlefield and masterminds the deployment of forces in the field.

Fanciful as this scenario may seem, the radical turnaround in only one year of the relative positions of the two royal stars, the Princess of Wales and the Duchess of York, is hard to explain through the course of natural events alone. Then, as the 12-year age gap between the Waleses made itself increasingly evident, a restless Diana sought to counter her husband's absence by asserting herself as provocatively as she knew how.

Contrast

By contrast, Sarah seemed a breath of fresh air, dashing, independent, able to captivate the crowd with a quick word and a snort of laughter. For a time she eclipsed her beautiful sister-in-law, who seemed in real danger of becoming typecast as the royal misfit.

Today, Diana is firmly back in the centre of the picture. Her 27th birthday, brought accolades from all sections of the press for "star quality" and "unassuming charm": she is, they said, "the best thing to happen to the royals... the feminine idea." Her new composure is hard-won, and stems from her decision to do as royal women so often have, and make the best of a cool marriage instead of fighting it. Sarah, on the other hand, has been temporarily disinvested as a leading role player in the family saga.

There are several reasons why the Duchess of York has been under a cloud recently. She did not wear her pregnancy as pretty as the Princess of Wales, and she had to put up with a naval husband's long absences from home. But the duchess has undoubtedly suffered most from the scandal of her father's reported visit to a massage and sex parlour.

Unfair

It is particularly unfair that Major Ferguson's predicament should have rebounded on his daughter, for it also highlighted her best qualities: loyalty and courage.

In her first public engagement since the birth of her daughter, Sarah flew the 1,000-mile round trip from Balmoral to be with him on his final appearance at Smith's Lawn as deputy chairman of the Guards Polo Club. Sarah might have won considerable sympathy from the world at large were it not for the fact that the resemblance between father and daughter is rather too marked to be flattering. "Sarah's so brash" is a common reaction. "Like father, like daughter."

The Fergie set, on whom the duchess relies for company when Prince Andrew is away, is a noisy, energetic group that the new, grown-up Diana might find little immature.

A banging of car doors and shouted badinage herald the almost nightly arrival of eight or nine of them — a brace of interior decorators, a wine merchant and a banker, an importer of ski clothes, a giftshop proprietor — at one of Fuham's trendy pasta restaurants. It was with a similar set that Diana and Fergie dressed up as policewomen and attempted to gatecrash Prince Andrew's stag night. The Queen was definitely not amused.

When Prince Edward organised a charity event around the rowdy television game, It's A Knockout, into which Sarah was preparing to throw herself body and soul, the Ops Room made its move and viewers had to be content with the sight of the royals in fancy dress cheering on the contestants from the sidelines. As Sarah became progressively more raucous, the princess drew apart and pulled ahead.

Diana has obviously changed a great deal. You can see it in her appearance. She has abandoned skin-tight leathers and puffball minis, platinum rinses and bootlace ties. Lately

After last year's escapades and speculative rumours about her marriage to Prince Charles, Princess Diana appears to have found a new composure and confidence.



she has displayed a new, grown-up elegance to go with her new grown-up outlook.

At Ascot last year, a flushed Diana and Sarah giggled their way round the royal enclosure, poking acquaintances in the bottom with their umbrellas; this year a smiling Diana made her way serenely through the crowds, cool in a cut-away grey silk morning coat and white straw hat.

Unruly

In retrospect it is easy to see that much of her unruly behaviour of that early period was an outlet for confusion. The inexperienced bride of a man who was already middle-aged, she could only compare her marriage with Sarah's.

Prince Andrew's perfect female equivalent, Sarah was cued to be her closest companion, and her sister-in-law's breezy independence brought home what she herself had missed by progressing in two quick steps from school to marriage and motherhood.

Caught off-balance at a time when Prince Charles was increasingly introspective, and frequently absent, she had no one to turn to. A loss of communication at a vital moment laid down the future rules of the relationship, one which is to be no different from so many royal relationships that have gone before: discretion in public, separate lives in private, courtesy and pleasant behaviour in domestic life.

At the time, it was easy to conclude that the princess' defiant outings without her husband to showbiz and rock music events were escape routes from oppressive etiquette and family strictures.

But the feeling among the outer royal circle today is that perhaps Diana did not get enough guidance after all, and had to feel her way slowly to a life of her own.

Role models are not easy to



Then and now: a matured Princess Diana (above) and the 'shy Di' who married Prince Charles in 1981.

find for a 20th century princess. Yet she would not have had to look far to see her uncertainties mirrored in other lives around her.

Looking among the royal line-up, she would recognise aspects of her own dilemmas — and as for the other royal marriages, she would find an odd array of compliance and compromise. Who could have predicted that the churlish Princess Anne would turn into the exemplary workaholic performer of 136 public duties a year; that the egregious Princess Michael of Kent would disappear abruptly from the headlines until she had learned to toe the line? Most of all, that the brilliant, racy Princess Margaret, the Elizabeth Taylor of the royal family, should be recast as the invisible dowager aunt?

In the stories of each of these princesses, there seems to have been a moment when the Ops

Room intervened. The action taken seldom needed to be more than a word spoken, an uncomfortable quarter-of-an-hour endured. That touch of the rudder was enough to bring the proudest transgressor to heel.

Prince Charles, however, was less flexible, more determined than the other royal men. He simply assumed that he would continue on the course he had painfully mapped out on his own so long before.

He had little inclination to shield Diana by playing the heavy husband to a giggling 25-year-old. Burdened with his own introspections, he withdrew to the royal equivalent of the potting shed: the Kalahari, Tuscany, Cornwall and Scotland.

Distance

As the distance between the Waleses widened last summer, and autumn found Prince Charles alone at Balmoral, Diana struggled to deal with her husband's loss of attention. She attempted to recapture it with plays that would have succeeded in a romantic novel. At the wedding dance of the Marquess of Worcester, she spent the evening dancing with old Etonian banker Philip Dunne — and continued to do so long after Charles had left.

The following week she attended a pop concert with David Waterhouse, a major in the Household Cavalry and a nephew of the Duke of Marlborough. What emerges clearly in retrospect is that she was not in the least interested in either of these men other than as pleasant escorts.

The chill carried on into late autumn, when Prince Charles attended the wedding of Lady Amanda Knatchbull, granddaughter of his mentor, the late Earl Mountbatten, without

Diana. "The royal break" was the press verdict and nothing that happened in the following weeks served to dampen the rumour.

While the press pursued the red herring of a princess rebelling against the boredom of life with a man older than his years, the reality was poignantly different. The princess was not waving but drowning. She found herself in a painful dilemma, for the galling truth was that despite her beauty and style, she bored her husband.

And she was faced in her mid-twenties with something she found chilling to contemplate: a fairy-tale marriage that had cooled into an arrangement. Young and naive, she did the worst thing possible. She tried to make her husband jealous. The bad publicity that ensued only succeeded in driving him further away.

It was not long after that, on the eve of an official visit to West Germany that would bring the Waleses together in public for the first time in many weeks, that the Ops Room made a rare visible manoeuvre.

Summoned

The Queen summoned Charles and Diana to Buckingham Palace late one evening after both had carried out separate public appearances. The interview lasted 20 minutes. It is a measure of the Queen's command of situations that during the German visit Charles and Diana displayed a mutual respect and ease that had not been seen for a long time.

How many could have played the Queen's role that evening without worsening the situation? Diana, who used to say she was "petrified" of the Queen, must have arrived with a sinking heart, and her mother-in-law evidently treated her with the sensitivity required by a nervous Derby hopeful that was off its food.

It is not too much to say that, while the marriage may never regain its first warmth, things have improved between the Waleses ever since.

Adjusting, adapting, keeping her balance, Diana is learning to move in step with her husband. At the same time, she would like him to lighten up a little. In a sense, the dancing video of herself that she presented to her astonished husband on their seventh wedding anniversary last July was a tease, a provocative insistence on all the qualities she has that attract but also alienate him.

On his side, once he had been reassured that there was only one copy of the video in circulation, and once he had grimaced at yet another reminder of her tireless passion for Phantom of the Opera, he might have been touched, as she meant, by the title she had chosen: "All I Ask of You".

In London, these days, Diana swims in the Buckingham Palace pool and plays tennis at the fashionable Vandorbiel club. She loves to play country house bridge, which brings her into contact with groups of varying ages. She still takes lessons with the Festival Ballet. At the same time, her public duties have increased, she maintains a programme of touring drug abuse centres around the country, and she privately visits Dr Barnardo's orphans.

Romance

Not long ago she called in at the foster home of a 14-year-old with a disturbed past: the girl came home to find the princess waiting for her in the front room, with a bunch of flowers.

These days, the Waleses and the Yorks are no longer in each other's pockets. As Sarah reassures her trump card — her independence by deciding to leave the baby at home, during her Australian tour she underlines another difference between the sisters-in-law. It is hard to imagine the Princess of Wales making a similar decision without being miserable.

As far as the Ops Room is concerned, this cooler and more independent Princess of Wales is beginning to respond to the time-honoured grooming process. Diana has weathered the first seven years of royal marriage and come out of them well, but there is still a long way to go.

She only lacks romance. The danger lies in the fact that she may find it. If she does, it will be in the form of one of the attractive and entertaining men for whom her friends ransack London when she is coming unaccompanied to dinner.

Somewhere, in some Filofax on a chintz-draped table in Pimlico or Chelsea, are the name and telephone of the man who may one day throw the Ops Room into a frenzy of anxious activity.



Paloma Picasso: a personality in her own right

Picasso: creator and daughter

By Colin McDowell

PABLO PICASSO was no slouch when it came to getting his own way: and neither is his daughter. Even when she was young, although she claims she was terribly shy, she was quite the little madam.

She recalls how she insisted on wearing scarlet lipstick and painting her nails for her first day at school. She always liked to do things Paloma's way.

She is still doing things Paloma's way but on a global scale now. Internationally successful figures travel endlessly and Paloma Picasso is right up there in the big league, clocking up an enormous number of air miles each year.

When I met her in London she had just flown in from Milan, was off to Paris the next day, on to New York and then back to Europe the following week. But she has energy enough to cope — and then some more. It is fuelled by a belief in the work ethic and an iron determination to make her own mark.

Worker

"My father was a worker," she explains. "When he died and we started going through everything we just could not believe it. There was so much. We kept wondering how one man could do it all."

Although, I do remember noticing, even when I was young, how quick he was. His concentration level was phenomenal. He was totally unaware of everything around him when he was working. I remember how, after lunch he would start drawing again before we had even cleared the plates into the kitchen and within seconds he would be completely absorbed in what he was doing.

Paloma Picasso does not pretend to have that degree of concentration but she hotly denies any hints that she is a dilettante designer cashing in on big daddy's name. "When I first started designing jewellery for Tiffany, I was very shocked when I learned that people were going around New York saying that I had only put my name to the range. I went mad. I said: 'This is a horrible country. What is wrong with these people? How dare they?' And then I thought: 'This is very silly; the people who know me know the truth so forget it.'"

In fact, she follows anything she designs right through from drawing board to launching party. "Doing a nice drawing is not enough. You have to go to the factory and work with the artisans. That is when you learn. It is vital to be there watching every step. And it is good when designs have to be changed and adapted. Surmounting unexpected problems forces your creativity. Things you can do naturally are not difficult. It is the problems that force you to do better than you thought you could."

As a designer, she is taken more seriously with each new project. She is careful to define what she does: "I never call it art," she says, "because it is

not. In any case, I steer away from art, for obvious reasons. I like playing with design elements but I am a very practical person and I hate things where the design becomes more important than the function. All those kettles they do in Milan actually get in the way when you want to make cup of tea."

Venture

Her latest venture, china and crystal designed for the German firm of Villeroy and Boch, is restrained and classical. Paloma Picasso feels that it is essentially a practical, workmanlike range although anyone popping into Harrods for it might get a shock. The soup tureen from Castellana decorated in red and black, her favourite colours, will knock you back £227.95. Practical it may be; everyday it is not.

Although she is one of the world's most fashionable women, Paloma Picasso has no interest in designing clothes. She finds them too ephemeral and prefers to design the accessories of fashion.

Her jewellery range for Tiffany made the fashion world sit up but it was her perfume, Paloma, which put her on the map. At £45 for 7.5 milligrams it is not exactly a give-away and yet, Paloma is pleased to say, its sales have forced the perfume world to do a rethink.

Paloma Picasso and her husband, Rafael Lopez Sanchez, took a risk when they launched it. No one thought that it could succeed without the glamour of a major fashion-house behind it.

Mr and Mrs Sanchez were determined to prove them wrong. They succeeded by giving the scent more aggressive marketing and publicity than anything else on the market. It was the first to be packaged in red and black. "Too strong," the pundits said. "Women like pale colours on their dressing table." At her last count, Paloma Picasso found seven perfumes packaged in red and black but, as she proudly says: "We were the first."

They broke the mould of designer-perfumes by building a campaign on Paloma's name and personality. Catherine Deneuve and Elizabeth Taylor have followed eagerly but it was "Paloma" which first hit the jackpot.

As Paloma Picasso explains: "The publicity photograph of me was very forceful and uncompromising. It could only have been me and that is what we capitalised on."

"What we were saying was: 'It is this person's perfume and nobody else's. You cannot escape it.' It is fun to be first; we took the risk and we were right."

Clothes are very important to Paloma Picasso and she has been considered one of the world's best-dressed women for many years.

She finds that she has less and less time to spend on choosing and increasingly limits her purchases to her two favourite designers, Yves Saint Laurent and Azzedine Alaïa. "I dress in an extreme way, with the red

lips and my hair," she explains, "so I like the strength of their clothes. I might add something from Geoffrey Beene or Bill Blass. They (the designers) hate it when I mix but I do not like dressing from head to toe in one designer's look."

Although she is very rich she does not normally buy couture. It is a problem of time once again. She can only spend a couple of afternoons each season choosing from the ready-to-wear.

As she says: "You do not have to wear couture to look good. When I was first chosen for the Best Dressed list I was spending nothing and buying most of my things in the Portobello Road."

Paloma Picasso's life changed when she inherited so much money on her father's death, but she insists that she remained the same. "All right," she admits. "I went from two-star to five-star hotels but if you choose the right one, in the right location, a two-star hotel can be fine. It is necessary to be rich to live well — although, if you have less money, then you do need more time to arrange the Good Life." "When you are as rich as Paloma Picasso, you tend to take it all for granted but when I asked her if her New York apartment was full of Picassos she replied simply: "Yes, thank God, and they make me feel very humble."

We talked of Arianna Stassinopoulos Huffington's book about Picasso and Paloma admitted that it was not her favourite: "I am rather upset but I cannot do anything about it. People are allowed to write what they want but it is so one-sided that it is boring. I couldn't finish it. She tried to consult me. She asked for my help and I was very non-committal. Imagine my irritation when I read a headline. 'Paloma Picasso gives green light on new biography.' I thought: 'This girl goes a little far. I'm going to stay away from her; she is too pushy by half.'"

Memories

Her memories of her father are far removed from the monster created by Ms Huffington: "He was a very good father as far as I was concerned. He didn't bother about school and things like that but he did care about making you imaginative. He was so alive, he was endlessly exciting. I used to sit for hours watching him paint. He never attempted to teach me. He knew that painting could not be taught. When I used to draw he never gave an opinion because he knew that you have to become your own critic."

Living with the most famous surname in the world has advantages and disadvantages and Paloma Picasso has learned to cope with both. She now feels that she is finally moving away from the "daughter of Picasso" syndrome: "I am coming out of the shadow. For years people were interested in me only because of him. To overcome this I have had to be very strong." If you don't believe her, look at that jawline.



Last year's unruly behaviour with her sister-in-law at Ascot generated a lot of criticism.

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Amputee sets world records

SEOUL, South Korea, Oct. 21. (Reuters): American amputee printer Dennis Oehler, who won the men's 100-metre and 200-metre dashes, added one more gold medal today when he won the 400-metre race at the 8th Paralympics in Seoul.

Oehler, 28, won the 400-metre race with a world record of 56.25 seconds. His record bettered the previous world mark of 1:01.09. Adrian Lowe, a 16-year-old Australian, won the silver medal with 1:00.80.

Oehler, who lost his right leg below the knee in a 1984 traffic accident, became the world's fastest amputee athlete on Tuesday when he won the 100-metre dash in 11.73 seconds.

His 100-metre record was only 1.9 seconds slower than the world record set by Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson in Rome last year. Johnson won the Olympic 100 metre in 9.79 seconds in Seoul last month but was disqualified for drug use.

Oehler also finished Friday's 200-metre race in a world record of 24.37 seconds. The previous world record was 28.23 seconds. Lowe of Australia was second with 25.86.

Meanwhile, a discus thrower won Egypt's first gold medal and a West German amputee added to his country's top medal standing at the Games today.

Mohamed Abdullah Mohamed, struck by polio at a year old, captured a gold medal and broke disabled sports world record by nearly four metres with a 36.68-metre throw. "I came to make a new record," he said. "Now I have problems because I have to keep it."

Mohamed, a first-time Paralympic competitor, also won a bronze medal in the shot put event, leaving Egypt tied for last place with two medals. By today, West Germany had a firm hold on first place with 54 golds, 40 silvers and 29 bronzes.

Javelin-thrower Hubert Burschegans, 45, later added a gold. He lost his legs below the knee when he fell under a train in 1964.

American Billy Demby, a Vietnam veteran who came seventh in the javelin event, said: "I think (able-bodied athletes) would be surprised at the competition you find here."

ENGLAND JEERED OFF THE FIELD AFTER BEING HELD BY SWEDEN

W. Germans hold Dutch to goalless draw

MUNICH, West Germany. (Reuters): The Netherlands missed the inspiration of Ruud Gullit when they returned to Munich on Wednesday seeking a World Cup victory that would have meant almost as much to them as their European Championship triumph in the same city in June.

The goalless draw between two of the game's most powerful teams was one of 11 World Cup qualifying matches in Europe, most of them close-fought contests in which teams were distinguished by risk too much.

Only Romania, impressive 3-1 winners over Bulgaria in Sofia, scored more than two goals while England were jeered from the field after being held 0-0 by Sweden at Wembley, scene of their 1966 World Cup triumph.

Although the Dutch will forever cherish the European title they won in Munich on June 26 by beating the Soviet Union 2-0, an end to their World Cup frustrations would provide at least equal satisfaction.

The Netherlands have lost in the qualifying rounds of the last two World Cups, having reached the final of the 1974 and 1978 competitions, and this time have to finish ahead of West German in European Group Four to be certain of a place in Italy in 1990.



Denmark's John Helt (right) and Greece's Stelios Manolas in action in their match on Wednesday. (Reuters wirephoto)

Had they beaten the Germans on Wednesday, they would have been difficult to dislodge from the top of the section but without the invention and flair of the injured Gullit they were left to share the spoils.

The moment the Dutch will rue most was when Marco van Basten, from nearly the same spot he created a wondrous goal against the Soviet Union in June, came back from conceding an

early goal and would have won had not Dean Saunders produced a weak penalty effort in the 82nd minute.

The Soviet Union, who contributed in full to a memorable European final, rebounded from the indignity of being held to a 1-1 draw by Iceland at the start of their World Cup campaign in August by defeating Austria 2-0 in a Group Three game in Kiev.

Alexander Zavarov, currently a citizen of Turin where he has caught the imagination of the Juventus supporters, scored the second Soviet goal in the 69th minute after Alexei Mikhailchenko gave the home team the lead.



The Netherlands' Erwin Koeman goes flying over West Germany's Thomas Berthold. (Reuters wirephoto)

East Germany won the other Group Three game, Andreas Thom scoring a goal in each half to delight the East Berlin crowd and send Iceland home empty handed.

Scotland edged ahead in Group Five but really needed something more from their home game against Yugoslavia than a 1-1 draw.

Hungary, playing Northern Ireland in Group Six in Budapest, owed a huge debt of gratitude to Istvan Vincze who paid his own fare from Italy where he plays for Lecce, came on as a substitute in the 81st minute and three minutes later scored the only goal of the game.

In Group Seven, Belgium, surprise semifinalists in the 1986 World Cup in Mexico, started with a win in Brussels, Georges Grun supplying the cross for Patrick Vervoort's headed goal in the 30th minute against Switzerland.

Becker crushes Jelen for semifinals

TOKYO, Oct. 21. (Reuters): Boris Becker played what he described as "almost perfect" tennis today to reach the semifinals of the Japan indoor tournament, his first competition after a six-week absence through injury.

Second-seeded Becker beat fellow West German Eric Jelen 6-2 6-1 in their quarterfinal, while Wimbledon champion and top seed Stefan Edberg of Sweden also reached the last four by ousting American Paul Chamberlin 7-5 6-2 in a thrilling 73-minute contest.

Becker, who has been out of action with blistered feet, served fiercely, had no double faults and made only 21 unforced errors compared with 33 by his Davis Cup team-mate.

The world number five made a blazing start and broke Jelen's service in the sixth game and again in the eighth.

Hungary

"I am much more keen to play and win now after being away injured," said Becker.

He looked hungry for victory in the second set as he carved up the court with a succession of passing shots angled out of Jelen's reach.

"Yes, my passing shots have improved," he told reporters later.

World number three Edberg had to sprint, lunge and leap for his points against Chamberlin, whose form belied his ranking of 252nd.

"He did give me a hard time in the first set," said Edberg. "He was serving well."

Chamberlin unleashed three aces against none from Edberg. In the first set both players kept their service until the 12th game when Edberg struck three fierce forehands and then won with a top-spin backhand landing inches inside the tramlines.

Sixth-seeded Australian John Fitzgerald scored an upset win over third seed Andres Gomez of Ecuador 6-3 3-6 7-5.

The Ecuadorian, chastising himself in Spanish, throwing his racket away and pointing toward heaven, gave away more points than the Australian in a match fraught with errors on both sides.

With the Australian leading 6-5 in the final set, the pressure told on Gomez, who ploughed two returns into the net and then double-faulted to lose the match after two hours and eight minutes.

Fitzgerald meets Edberg in the semifinals.

Bowling

Japan's number one Shuzo Matsuoka put up a spirited fight before bowing out to in-form American Richard Matuszewski 6-4-6-4.

Matuszewski, runner-up in the Sydney indoor tournament a week ago, proved more consistent than his opponent and served five aces. He now faces Becker.

Givens allows Tyson to keep his millions

NEW YORK, Oct. 21. (Reuters): Actress Robin Givens, vowing she wants nothing from the man she loves, says that world heavyweight champion Mike Tyson can have his divorce without a fight and keep his millions.

In a statement read to reporters by her lawyer, Givens on Wednesday tried to write a heroic storybook ending to a soap-opera marriage that has held the headlines for months.

"I never wanted anything but what was best for Michael, to protect Michael, and to preserve my marriage. At the cost of protecting him, I believe I sacrificed my marriage. I never wanted anything for myself," the 23-year-old actress declared.

Claim
Lawyer Raoul Felder, known as the king of New York divorce cases, told a news conference there were no hidden deals and that Givens was giving up her claim to millions.

"She's not just putting her money where her mouth is, she's putting \$10 million where her mouth is," he said, referring to Tyson's alleged fortune of \$20 million, of which she could have claimed up to half.

Felder said she would drop her divorce suit within a day and Tyson's claim for divorce could go before the courts as early as next week.

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Liverpool may be only a shadow of the side which made a record-equalling start to last season but they can still inspire fear in their opponents.

"You never take a visit to Anfield lightly," said Coventry manager John Sillit who escorts his side to the Liverpool ground tomorrow. "They might not be doing too well at this time but you have got to approach this game with caution."

Records
Last year, on their way to the record-equalling feat of 29 matches without defeat, Liverpool beat Coventry 4-0 at Anfield.

But this season Coventry, third in the First Division, have one of the League's best away records with three wins in as many games.

"We have got a bit of confidence going now because we have had a good run away from home," Sillit said. "You start by going out thinking you can win and not thinking 'this is a tough one'."

Liverpool lost only twice in their 40 matches last season. This year, despite the return of Welsh striker Ian Rush after a year in Italy, the side has already lost as many times.

Tottenham, traditionally another of the big names in English soccer, slipped into the bottom three this week when the authorities docked them three points because debris from a plane crash meant their League One status was not ready for demands.

Taher continues to purge seeds

SEATTLE, Oct. 21. (Reuters): Unseeded Egyptian Ahmed Taher, who eliminated fifth seed Ross Thorne of Australia two days ago, continued his purge of the seeds at the \$40,000 US Open Squash Championship last night.

Taher, ranked 57th in the world, removed 14th seed Jason Nicole of England 15-2 15-13 15-9 to book a berth in the quarterfinals.

Before this tournament, Taher's most notable achievement was when he took a game off the legendary Jahangir Khan in the first round of last year's Hong Kong Open. The Pakistani had just returned from a two-month layoff.

Jahangir, top seed in Seattle, and second seed Chris Dittmar of Australia reserved quarterfinal places with straightforward wins over Briton Robert Graham and Anders Wahlstedt of Sweden, the 15th seed.

But two other Australians, brothers Brett and Rodney Martin, had to haul themselves out of trouble to survive the second round. Both lost their first two games before coming back to win.

Third-seeded Rodney outlasted fellow-Australian Mark Robbards 11-15 13-15 17-15 15-11, while Brett, the sixth seed, won through against Canada's Sabir Butt 14-17 12-15 15-6 15-7 15-11.

United States and Austria in bridge finals

VENICE, Italy, Oct. 21. (AP): The United States and Austria were to battle in a 96-deal match this evening and tomorrow for the World Contract Bridge Team Olympiad championship.

The United States defeated India, 190-126, in a semifinal yesterday. Austria, down 20.7 points at the outset because of a carryover from a round-robin match, came from behind to oust Sweden, 182-131.

In the women's Olympiad, Denmark put an end to Bulgaria's hopes of winning a world championship on its first try. Bulgaria, which joined the World Bridge Federation only four weeks ago, lost, 186-112.

In the only close match of the day, Britain, down by one point with four deals to go, edged Canada, 166-149. Since Britain and Denmark did not play each other in the round-robin, there will be no carryover in their 64-deal final.

The United States, however, will start with a good-sized edge over Austria.

Kasparov shares second place

REYKJAVIK, Oct. 21. (Reuters): Soviet world champion Garry Kasparov moved into joint second place yesterday in the World Cup chess tournament in Iceland after defeating Dutch grandmaster Jan Timman.

Kasparov shares second with Soviet grandmaster Jan Ehlvest, half a point behind another Soviet player Alexander Beljavsky, with three rounds left to play in the \$100,000 tournament.

Beljavsky beat former world champion Mikhail Tal, who had led the tournament from the early rounds.

Parry holds Norman at bay

SYDNEY, Oct. 21. (Reuters): Defending champion Craig Parry, suffering in the sweltering heat after a bout of 'flu, held off world number one Greg Norman by one shot midway through the New South Wales Open today.

Undeterred by Norman's opening birdie barrage to surge into the lead after three holes, fellow-Australian Parry, 22, added a second-round 70 to his joint course record 64 yesterday for an eight-under-par total of 134. Norman carded a 69.

American Wayne Case fought his way into contention with a four-under 67 to move to within

two shots of the pacemaker. Australian Lyndsay Stephen, who shared the course record with Parry yesterday, faded with a two-over 73 for a five-under 137.

Parry, who whaled throughout last year's Open, was not impressed with his club selection today: "I have to get back to the way I was feeling yesterday when every time I grabbed a club I knew it was the right club."

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Dodgers blast Athletics to win World Series

OAKLAND, Calif., Oct. 21. (Reuters): Los Angeles Dodgers staged one of the biggest upsets in World Series history yesterday cutting down the Oakland Athletics 5-2 to win the world championship in five games.

Dodger pitching ace Orel Hershiser, who was named Most Valuable Player of the 1988 World Series, won his second game of the series, striking out nine and giving up just four hits to the Athletics' highly-touted hitters.

Oakland's starting pitcher Storm Davis lost his second game of the series.

As they have throughout the series, the Dodgers' band of walking wounded and journeymen hustlers pecked away at the Athletics, who were simply pitiful in the best-of-seven game "fall classic" which was supposed to showcase their awesome power.

Belted
Instead, the series spotlight melted the Athletics' bats.

The Athletics, who belted 156 home runs in the regular season, hit just two homers in the five games and scored only 11 runs.

The Dodgers opened up the scoring with two runs in the first inning on a home run by super-substitute Mickey Hatcher with Franklin Stubbs on base.

They picked up two more in the fourth inning on an infield hit by Hatcher and a home run by

designated hitter Mike Davis, a former Oakland outfielder.

The Dodgers got their fifth run in the sixth inning when David Walked and was doubled home by Rick Dempsey.

The A's picked up a run in the third inning to make the score 2-1 on two singles, a sacrifice bunt and a sacrifice fly.

Trailing 5-1, Oakland added another run in the eighth inning on a walk, a ground out and a single up the middle by Stan Javier, who knocked on both Oakland runs.

Oakland threatened in the eighth inning with two men on and Jose Canseco at bat. But Hershiser reached down and got the team's home run leader to pop up to first base and then struck out Dave Parker on two breaking pitches in the dirt.

But the A's were never really in the game, as Hershiser's assortment of sinkers, curves and fastballs throw with good location baffled Oakland batters for the second time this week.

No one was more mystified than Canseco and slugging buddy Mark McGwire who took the Athletics to a Major League-leading 104 victories during the regular season.

Canseco, who hit 42 home runs in the season, had just one hit in 19 at bats. McGwire, who belted 32 homers, managed one hit in 17 at bats.

Both hits were homers — Canseco a Grand Slam in the first game and McGwire a game winner for the only Oakland victory in the third game.

But for those two erstwhile sluggers and the rest of the team, it was an embarrassing performance in the World Series.

"You have to give Hershiser credit," Canseco said. "It's not the velocity. It's not the location. It's the movement on the ball, no matter what he's throwing."

"He threw one fastball that came in over the plate zipped out and came back in. He threw a slider that looked like a perfect strike and the bottom fell out and I swung and it was nowhere anywhere," Canseco said.

Rejected
The Championship was the sixth for the Dodgers franchise, the only team to win the World Series twice in the 1980's. They beat the New York Yankees in 1981.

Hershiser rejected the statement that he was just too good for Major League hitters. But he certainly appeared so this week.

"I feel like I'm climbing a mountain every time out there. It's very, very difficult pitching in the big leagues. It's a war out there."

"I did struggle at times. I over-threw. When we got the lead I threw changeups and off-speed stuff," Hershiser said.

Leonard, who will challenge Canadian Donny Lalonde for his World Boxing Council light-heavyweight crown and the newly created WBC super-middleweight title on November 7 in Las Vegas, acknowledged the split on Wednesday.

Without
For the first time since Leonard turned professional after winning a gold medal at the 1976 Olympics, he will fight without Dundee in his corner.

"I feel bad. I wish Angelo was here, but we must go on," Leonard said from his training camp in the Pocono mountains in Pennsylvania.

Leonard's cornermen in his drive to win his fourth and fifth

titles will be trainers Janks Morton and Dave Jacobs.

The split erupted over a request by Dundee's lawyer to have a written contract drawn up for his services for next month's fight.

Dundee said he worked without a contract for the Marvellous Marvin Hagler fight last year and was not treated fairly.

"Mike Trainer (Leonard's lawyer) stiffed me and gave me only one per cent," said the 67-year-old Dundee, whose usual fee was five per cent.

"I'm not working this time because I had the audacity to ask what I was going to get paid. That is obviously a no-no," said Dundee from his Miami office.

"I don't have contracts. My word is my bond," said Leonard, who did not think he and Dundee would patch up their difference anytime soon.

"This is a scar and I can't particularly like scar tissue," said Leonard.

Leonard's cornermen in his drive to win his fourth and fifth

Nicholas set to lead Aberdeen in search of Cup glory

LONDON, Oct. 21. (Reuters): Charlie Nicholas, slimmer, fitter and calmer since his return to his native Scotland, is ready to lead Aberdeen in search of revenge against Glasgow Rangers in the Scottish League Cup final on Sunday.

"Charlie will relish this game," said Aberdeen manager Alex Smith. "Charlie thrives on the big stage — in fact, the bigger the occasion, the more he will enjoy it."

Aberdeen offered the extrovert Nicholas a fresh start in January after he was dropped from Arsenal's first team early last season.

The 26-year-old striker, unhappy with the constant glare of publicity which his playboy image attracted in London, has repaid the Scottish club by rediscovering his finest form just in time for Sunday's final.

Success
Nicholas scored the winner in a League match against Rangers two weeks ago but the former Scottish international said the victory did not guarantee Aberdeen success at Hampden Park on Sunday.

"We still have to go to Hampden and try to beat Rangers again in front of their own fans," he said. "We are certainly not in awe of Rangers but they must still be favourites."

Rangers have won the trophy for the last two years, beating Aberdeen on penalties 12 months ago with the winner scored by Ian Durrant.

Midfielder Durrant will miss Sunday's final after needing knee surgery because of a fierce tackle by Aberdeen's Neil Simpson in the bad-tempered Premier Division match two weeks ago.

Durrant will be out of action for at least 12 months. Simpson, recovered from a hamstring injury, will be back for the final and Nicholas voiced the hope that both sides would be well behaved.

"I hope the final will not be a grudge match," he said. "That's the last thing we want and everyone will have to show common sense."

Because of the Cup final, tomorrow's Premier Division programme has been reduced to three matches. With Rangers and Aberdeen, the top two teams, out of League action, Dundee United have the chance to move up into second place if they beat St Mirren at home.

Offence
In England, the top teams are beset with problems. Champions Liverpool, who have six players on the injury list and saw Dane Jan Molby jailed for a motoring offence this week, have signed promising teenager David Burrows in a bid to plug their threadbare defence.

Burrows, 19, could make his debut at Anfield against Coventry tomorrow after the £500,000 (£880,000) transfer from West Bromwich Albion.

But Northern Ireland international Mal Donaghy's transfer came too late for the defender to help his new club, Manchester United, at Wembleton. United manager Alex Ferguson is also facing the problem of finding a goalkeeper with both Jim Leighton and reserve Gary Walsh injured.

Liverpool may be only a shadow of the side which made a record-equalling start to last season but they can still inspire fear in their opponents.

"You never take a visit to Anfield lightly," said Coventry manager John Sillit who escorts his side to the Liverpool ground tomorrow. "They might not be doing too well at this time but you have got to approach this game with caution."

Records
Last year, on their way to the record-equalling feat of 29 matches without defeat, Liverpool beat Coventry 4-0 at Anfield.

But this season Coventry, third in the First Division, have one of the League's best away records with three wins in as many games.

"We have got a bit of confidence going now because we have had a good run away from home," Sillit said. "You start by going out thinking you can win and not thinking 'this is a tough one'."

Liverpool lost only twice in their 40 matches last season. This year, despite the return of Welsh striker Ian Rush after a year in Italy, the side has already lost as many times.

Tottenham, traditionally another of the big names in English soccer, slipped into the bottom three this week when the authorities docked them three points because debris from a plane crash meant their League One status was not ready for demands.

Leonard, who will challenge Canadian Donny Lalonde for his World Boxing Council light-heavyweight crown and the newly created WBC super-middleweight title on November 7 in Las Vegas, acknowledged the split on Wednesday.

Without
For the first time since Leonard turned professional after winning a gold medal at the 1976 Olympics, he will fight without Dundee in his corner.

"I feel bad. I wish Angelo was here, but we must go on," Leonard said from his training camp in the Pocono mountains in Pennsylvania.

Leonard's cornermen in his drive to win his fourth and fifth



Hershiser is lifted off the ground by his teammates after the match. (Reuters wirephoto).

ABDULLAH OMAR RECEIVES 30-MINUTE PENALTY

Falah holds off Al Wazzan for victory

By Gail Seery

KUWAITI driver Eid Falah Al Farzan and his navigator Sadeq Ashkanani took a one minute and fifteen second victory over compatriot Tareq Al Wazzan and his navigator Khaled Khalifa in yesterday's Alghanim/BP 2000 Jeep Rally.

At one point Al Wazzan held the lead, but with a severe lack of engine power, and some courageous driving from Falah, it was inevitable that he should be relegated to second place.

Third place was taken by Mohammed Al Malki of Saudi Arabia and Tareq Al Alyan was fourth. Novice driver Hossam Al Sayafe, driving with Pepsi sponsorship, and Amjad Qutaineh as his co-driver achieved a splendid fifth place on his second rally.

Finished

The first casualty of the day was Ahmed Al Zafiri in his Suzuki. This car has still never finished a rally, despite the undisputed driving skill and experience of Al Zafiri. This time the engine was overheating in the early part of the first stage, and he never reached the finish boards. Al Zafiri's run of bad luck seems to be continuing, and it is a great shame that this driver has been unable to get the results he deserves.

Saudi driver Mohammed Bin Laden and his co-driver Mohammed Omar went out on stage three. "The engine was misfiring since the start. We were stuck on



Sadeq Ashkanani, Eid Falah, Khalid Khalifa and Tareq Al Wazzan take their bows.

stage three with no power." But it was Abdullah Omar, as expected, who roared into first place on the first stage, despite being slowed by sheep crossing the rally route. His car lived up to all expectations in terms of speed, and for most of the rally he was leading.

However, on stage 1 near to the end of the stage his Mitsubishi Sonauto had engine management system problems, and at one point it looked as if his car was not going to make it from the flying finish to the boards. He and Qatari navigator Mubarak Al Hajri hit similar problems on stage eight, which pushed him back in the field.

However, he would certainly have finished third if not for a thirty minute penalty awarded against him for failing to go

through passage control boards on the first stage. Omar maintained that this was due to a problem during practice, and misinformation by fellow competitors, and that in fact his deviation from the route actually cost him valuable seconds. After due consideration Clerk of the Course Major Ahmed Al Hilal decided that the penalty should be awarded, knocking him back into eighth and last place.

Eid Falah was driving like a man possessed, rolled on stage two. "I was too fast," he grinned frankly. He and the Zayani team were very lucky that help was on hand, as a number of spectators ran forward and pushed the Range Rover back upright, and he completed the stage with little damage, even to the body work of the car. "When we rolled, I

thought, that's it," said Ashkanani. "I was lying on the floor, and Eid was in the air."

The car performed very well, but the engine was finished by the time the team made it back to the hotel — indeed, it did not look as if the car would reach the hotel at all. Even so, Falah made it to the finisher's rostrum, and has now assumed his sponsor agrees to have his car repainted in Marlboro livery.

Falah said: "I am very happy to have won this rally, but now I need a new engine." His co-driver, Sadeq Ashkanani added: "It was a very good rally, with very good stages. My driver was good, the car was good and so was the team. We have proved ourselves, and I would like to thank the organisers for a splen-

did rally."

Tareq Al Wazzan was far less than happy with his progress during the day. He was slow from the start, as his partially rebuilt engine totally failed to give him the power and acceleration he needed. It was only on the twisty, bumpy stages that he was able to make up any time. "There was absolutely no power. If I was driving the standard car it would have been better," he told the Arab Times. "There was low compression and the engine was overheating continually. It was worse than the engine I used last time — and that engine was totally finished before we used it. It was faster than this. I did my best, and the mechanics did their jobs well."

Jaber Al Marri and Abbas Al Mousawi were going splendidly

in the early stages, but a simple problem put them out of the rally on stage four, when they appeared poised to take the lead from the Sonauto. Some bolts on the drive shaft were loose — it slipped, irreversibly damaging the gearbox.

Samir Al Hussein had bad luck on stage three, Mutla'a, when his tyres burst and the car went out of control. "Mutla'a was a horrible stage," he said. It was certainly the most demanding of the rally.

Crazy Amjad Qutaineh, co-driver to Hossam Al Sayafe said, during the rally, "No-one is as crazy as my driver. He drives on two wheels all the time." However, by the end of the event, Al Sayafe had proved that his approach worked and Amjad had changed his tune. "My driver is the best," he said. Certainly with a result like this, early in his driving career, he is showing excellent potential. "All he needs is the car," said Amjad.

Mohammed Al Malki, as the highest placed Saudi has now qualified for the Dubai final. "I am very happy, and I thank God for my result," he said.

Hassan Sarhan of Bahrain drove a splendid rally in his small Suzuki, bringing it through into sixth position. Of the fourteen drivers who set out, eight finished. It has to be said that this rally, under the leadership of Ahmed Al Hilal has been the best event in Kuwait for some time. The stages were good, and it is to be hoped that the



Al Wazzan in action.



Al Zafiri: an early casualty

improvement will continue. It was also nice to see the support of local companies Alghanim, Mesilah Beach Hotel and a pleasant change to find the Pepsi stand in the middle of the desert.

Results:

1. Eid Falah/Sadeq Ashkanani, Range Rover 0.52.58
2. Tareq Al Wazzan/Khaled Khalifa, Range Rover, 0.54.13
3. Mohammed Al Malki/

George Saryan, Range Rover 1.00.50

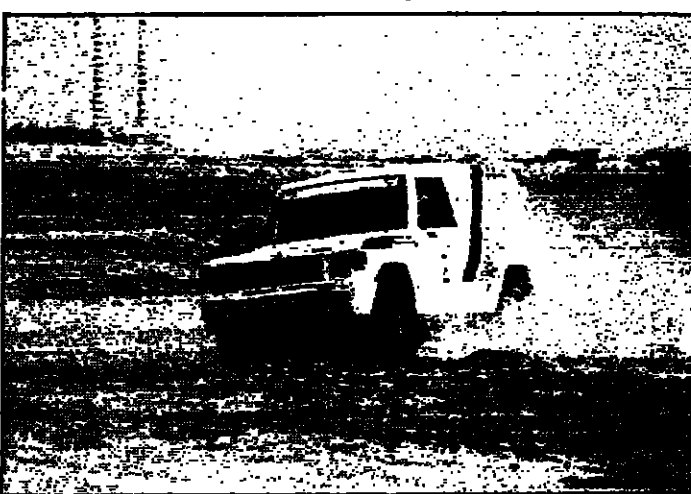
4. Tareq Alyan/Khalid Ali, Rocky, 1.08.27

5. Hossam Al Sayafe/Amjad Qutaineh, Suzuki, 1.15.50

6. Hassan Sarhan/Khalifa Al Ma'amri, Suzuki, 1.17.02

7. Abdullah Al Shuwaiee/Anwar Abu Jarwa, Land Cruiser, 1.21.15

8. Abdullah Omar/Mubarak Al Hajri, Sonauto, 1.28.36



Abdullah Omar: penalty pushed him back

(Photos by Gail Seery and Raed Qutaineh)



Falah rolls over...



... Spectators help right the jeep...



... And off he goes.

Aussies call on Pakistan to raise game

SYDNEY, Oct. 21, (Reuters): Australian captain Allan Border called on Pakistani cricket authorities yesterday to raise their game after his team's calamitous tour of Pakistan.

The Australian players threatened to cut short the tour in disgust at umpiring decisions during the first Test which they lost by an innings. They eventually decided to play on and lost the three-Test series 1-0.

"If Pakistan is to continue to want to play at international level, then a lot of things will have to change there," Border told journalists at Sydney airport after arriving back from the tour.

Stream

"We are not the only side which has made these complaints, there's been a never-ending stream. The Pakistani authorities have got to wake up (to the problems)," he said.

Coach Bobby Simpson said Pakistani fans knew there were problems in the way cricket was run there.

"We were spoken to by people in the streets, taxi drivers... all of whom supported us standing up to the situation and saying they knew that things weren't being properly conducted."

"The cricket public in Pakistan knows there is a lot wrong with the game and want it cleaned up," said Simpson.

The problems in Pakistan had hardened the attitude of the Australian cricketers before their five-Test series against the West Indies, who arrive this weekend, Simpson said.

Sussex honour Imran Khan

LONDON, Oct. 21, (AP): Imran Khan the former Pakistan Test captain, has been appointed an honorary life member of Sussex county cricket club in recognition of his services to the county during the past 11 seasons, it was announced today.

Sussex chairman Maurice Leadley said that it had been a unanimous decision by the club's committee to honour Imran, and described the all-rounder's services as of "immense value."

W. Indies rout India for Sharjah final

SHARJAH, Oct. 21, (Reuters): West Indies recaptured their most irresistible form today, sweeping India aside and reaching the final of the Champions Trophy cricket tournament after an opening stand of 165 by Gordon Greenidge and Desmond Haynes.

The Barbadian pair powered West Indies to victory by eight wickets with 10 overs to spare after the team's much-improved out-cricketer had restricted India to 169 for seven in their 50 overs.

Hammered Greenidge, again leading the side in the absence of the injured Viv Richards, hammered an unbeaten 77 and Haynes struck the top score of 85.

West Indies clinched their semifinal victory at 175 for two, and now have a chance to complete a hat-trick of tournament

triumphs when they meet Pakistan in tomorrow's final.

West Indies, beaten in their first two matches of the three-nation event, bowled tightly and fielded superbly this time, with off-spinners Roger Harper and Carl Hooper contributing telling spells.

India were 85 for three when Harper sent back Ravi Shastri (35) while Hooper accounted for Mohammad Azharuddin (25) and Kapil Dev (0), the three wickets tumbling for eight runs. Chandrakant Pandit (31 not out) and wicketkeeper Kiran More (30) gave the total a degree of respectability in a seventh wicket stand of 51.

The capacity crowd revelled in the West India reply as Haynes cracked nine fours and a six in his high-class innings lasting 121 deliveries — he won the Man-of-

the-Match award — and Greenidge hit four fours and two sixes.

India's slim hopes had rested on their slow bowlers, but leg-spinner Narendra Hirwani and left-arm spinners Ravi Shastri and Maninder Singh could not stem the flow of runs.

Hirwani, who played a key role in defeating West Indies when the two teams met on the opening day of the tournament, was hit for 49 runs in his 10 overs without taking a wicket.

Scoreboard

INDIA
K. Srikkanth c Dejon b Ambrose...6
R. Shastri c Logie b Harper...35
M. Amarnath c Dejon b Walsh...29
D. Vengsarkar b Walsh...3
M. Azharuddin c Harper b Hooper...25
Kapil Dev c Greenidge b Hooper...9
C. Pandit not out...31
K. More c Logie b Ambrose...30

S. Sharma not out...13
Extras (b-2 lb-4)...6
Total (seven wickets — 50 overs) 169
Fall of wickets: 1-162 41 3-45 4-85 5-86 6-93 7-144

Did not bat: Maninder Singh, N. Hirwani
Bowling: Patterson 9-0-39-0, Ambrose 9-2-31-2, Walsh 6-0-19-2, Bishop 6-0-13-4, Harper 10-0-28-1, Hooper 10-1-35-2

WEST INDIES
C. Greenidge not out...77
D. Haynes b Sharma...85
R. Richardson c More b Sharma...0
C. Hooper not out...2
Extras (b-6 w-1 lb-4)...11
Total (two wickets — 40 overs) 175
Fall of wickets: 1-165 2-165

Did not bat: A. Logie, J. Dejon, R. Harper, C. Ambrose, P. Patterson, L. Bishop, C. Walsh.
Bowling: Kapil Dev 4-0-14-0, Sharma 6-0-25-2, Maninder Singh 10-0-32-4, Shastri 6-0-31-0, Hirwani 10-0-49-0, Srikkanth 4-0-18-0
Result: West Indies won by eight wickets.

Western Australia aim for Sheffield Shield hat-trick

SYDNEY, Oct. 21, (Reuters): Western Australia's chances of completing a hat-trick of Sheffield Shield cricket titles this season depend largely on fast bowler Bruce Reid's fitness and Australia's form in the Test series against West Indies.

Reid, Australia's premier paceman, is to undergo an operation on a slipped disc which will definitely rule him out of his state's opening Shield game against Tasmania, and possibly the first Test starting on November 18.

Called

While Western Australia's batting looks as dependable as ever, captain Graeme Wood and opener Geoff Marsh are likely to be called on for the Test matches.

Defeats by West Indies could also lead the selectors to turn to two other players in the Shield champions' team — Mike Veletta to bolster the middle order and fast-medium bowler Terry Alderman, back in Test contention after serving his three-year ban for playing in South Africa.

Players chosen for the five Tests and the one-day World Series Cup will miss most of the Shield Games in November, December and January. The Shield season starts on October 28 with two matches.

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Amjad and Shipton hit half centuries

Ahmadi score 32-run win over British Airways

AN Ahmadi Select XI defeated the touring British Airways by 32 runs at the KOC grounds, Ahmadi, yesterday.

Ahmadi XI batted first and put on 222 for nine in 45 overs and British Airways were all out for 190.

Chris Amarasekera (Hawks), who made 53, took two catches behind the wicket and completed two stumpings was named Man of the Match.

Ball

Electing to bat first, Ahmadi Select suffered two early shocks. Bastaki fell to the first ball of the match and Ramesh was also out in the first over.

A third-wicket partnership of 111 between Amjad (63) and Craig Shipton (53) restored the respectability to the innings. All the BA bowlers bowled straight and contained the Select side in their final overs.

Pick of the BA bowlers was former Test star Don Wilson. His mixture of flighted deliveries and quicker balls enabled him to return figures of one for 36 off nine overs.

Wilson has played in Kuwait before but the remaining players on their first visit to Kuwait all



An action shot of the match.

learned very quickly. In particular the BA ground fielding was superb.

Chasing a run-rate of 4.96 runs per over, British Airways were held back by a hostile spell of fast bowling by Patrick Flower, who bowled five overs for nine runs to

finish with figures of three for nine in 7.3 overs.

However, Zafar and Farokh Engineer started to take charge and the Select XI tried in vain to stem the flow of runs. Zafar played a patient innings timing the ball throughout.

Engineer showed the talent that made him a top class wicketkeeper/batsman. Flower, who had beaten the openers a number of times, found it difficult to beat Engineer's bat.

With British Airways at 105 for one, Ahmadi skipper Shipton

made two vital changes. He introduced Ralph de Neise and himself into the attack.

The batsmen found it difficult to score off De Neise and Shipton was fortunate to pick four wickets as the batsmen tried to go after his bowling.

Despite late surges from Gurdial, Kharbada and Don Wilson, British Airways fell behind the asking rate. With the game slipping away, Wilson raised the BA hopes with a wonderfully timed stroke over the long on for a six to prove that coaches can play as well as talk a good game of cricket.

However, British Airways ended on 190 all out with three deliveries to go.

Large

A large crowd witnessed this game and another large crowd is expected tomorrow when both Engineer and Don Wilson play again, this time in the Great Britain-British Airways match.

There will be a prize draw again for a BA return ticket along with other prizes donated by the Yusuf Alghanim WLL Electronics Group and the Sheraton Hotel, the sponsors of this tour.

Nicosia, Oct. 21, (Reuters):

French soccer coach Henri Michel carries to Cyprus a special, personal memory which he hopes will inspire his team to a convincing win in tomorrow's World Cup qualifying tie.

Michel's last match as an international player was in Cyprus eight years ago when France humiliated the home side 7-0 and clinched a place in the World Cup finals in Spain.

"What we want is to get both points," Michel said on his arrival in Cyprus. "I don't care about the score... I know how Cyprus will play and I know how I will face them."

European Group Five underdogs Cyprus are keen to wipe out the painful memory of 1980 but the team has been savaged in the press for losing 1-0 to Malta in a friendly last week.

McNeil wins

NASHVILLE, Tennessee, Oct. 21, (AP): Second-seeded Lori McNeil ousted Canadian tennis Olympian Jill Hetherington last night in the Virginia Slims of Nashville tennis tournament. Hetherington put the 12th-ranked McNeil on the ropes before losing, 7-6 (7-2), 4-6, 6-4.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Malcolm Marshall

LONDON, Oct. 21, (Reuters): West Indian fast bowler Malcolm Marshall has signed a new two-year contract for Hampshire, the English county cricket club announced today.

Martin Crowe

LONDON, Oct. 21, (Reuters): New Zealand Test batsman Martin Crowe has told English county side Somerset he will not be able to play for them next season because of ill health.

Said Aouita

RABAT, Oct. 21, (Reuters): Moroccan middle-distance runner Said Aouita, holder of the 1,500 and 5,000 metres world records, is to receive further medical treatment for leg injuries which ruined his chances at the Seoul Olympics last month.

Dissidents expelled

PORLAMAR, Venezuela, Oct. 21, (Reuters): The World Boxing Association (WBA) yesterday voted unanimously to expel a group of dissidents who left its annual convention in a protest over election procedures and formed a rival group.

Dope testing

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 21, (Reuters): The International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) said today it was introducing random dope testing in a bid to clean up the sport's image after the Seoul Olympics.

Zola Budd

LONDON, Oct. 21, (UPI): Zola Budd, the South African-born runner who quit her adopted home country of Britain to return to South Africa six months ago, was reported today as saying she wanted to run for Britain again.

Pensacola Open

PENSACOLA, Fla., Oct. 21, (Reuters): Five players shot six-under-par 66 yesterday to share the first round lead of the \$400,000 Pensacola Open golf tournament. Veterans Mark Hayes and Dan Pohl were joined by relative newcomers Billy Andrade, Kenny Perry and Lance Ten Broeck in a five-way first place tie at the Tiger Point Golf Club course.